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Players at the DCC Fall Classic
By John Brezina

From the Editor

Happy New Year of chess! We finished off 2023 with the DCC Fall Classic and Colorado Springs City Championship which are both featured here. 2024 starts off with the DCC Tribute to MLK followed by our State Scholastic Championships. The amount of chess in Colorado and around the world continues to amaze me. Chess touches everyone in different ways and what a great catalyst to bring people together. One of our stories in this issue "Incarceration Unveiled", shows the life changing effects that chess can have on people. What does chess mean to you? How has it affected you? What attracts you to the royal game? Please write to me if you'd like to share your chess story here…

- John Brezina

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CSCA President Earle Wikle's Message

I hope everyone had a pleasant and joyful time over the holidays.

Looking back over the year, I am definitely pleased that Colorado has been able to host many successful chess events this past year. I have to thank all the organizers, tournament directors, volunteers, and most of all the chess players that showed up for the events. The Denver Open had a record 191 players show up, and the Colorado Open with 166 players had one of the biggest turn outs in the past several decades. I'm happy to see many young players rise up to establish themselves to higher ratings.

And just like that we are starting another year. I look forward to continue and host all the fantastic chess tournaments in Colorado. First up is the DCC Tribute to MLK, I hope you can take time to come play in this classic event Jan. 13 & 14. After this we host the Colorado State Scholastic Championship at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Feb. 3 & 4. This year I will setup 12 DGT boards for display of games at many events.

Look for more and more tournaments as I get them scheduled throughout the year. I really hope all of you have the time to come play in Colorado chess tournaments. I enjoy watching the great competition and growth of chess in Colorado. Thank you all and let's make 2024 another successful year for chess in Colorado.

Very Respectfully,
Earle Wikle
CSCA President

DuWayne Langseth | Jesse Cohen | Andrew Starr | Earle Wikle

Annual Colorado State Chess Association (CSCA) Meeting

Wednesday December 6, 2023

Members Present:
President Earle Wikle
Vice President: Jesse Cohen
Treasurer Andrew Starr
Secretary: Nicholas Brookins
GM: DuWayne Langseth (Not present)
Todd: Present
Shirley Herman: Present

ACTIONS

Jesse: would like to proffer a motion to have a fee for the food trucks. Three trucks are enough, one inside and two outside.

Motion: No more than three trucks. Charge $250 a day if they use the kitchen inside, and $100 if an outside vendor.
Vote is unanimous, all members raising their hands to confirm. So motion passes.

FINANCIALS

Andy reports that our tax postcard has been filed.
We paid a down payment of $1,700 last week, and they have not responded back yet. We need Tom's input on score sheets, and other notables.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholastic championship February 3-4, 2024. Earle is hoping to get volunteers and get everything set up.

Jesse: Able to get a food truck, and they were using the kitchen. Jesse has not been in contact with the food truck vendor. Jesse will see if he has contact information for the trucks. The fairgrounds did an inspection on the spot to try and get us additional vendors for food. Three last year seemed like enough. Quite a few people ate inside.
-Jesse: charge a premium to use the kitchen, and what would that premium be.
-Maybe the CSCA turns the area around the kitchen into a concession stand.
-Jesse: Concession stand: bottled water, soda, simple snacks selling for the CSCA.

Paradise Tavern's: possibly using them again. Jesse suggests Earle have a meeting with them since he knows the contract. Possibly approve the financials and discuss. Have to check the contract to ensure we don't try to circumvent the vending machines, so they don't lose money.

Todd: Dean will be the technical advisor to run the software. We will require a TD for every section. Saturday we will need an extra two people for the kindergarten section. Someone responsible for checking the kids in. Seat the kids right away and going down the list.
Andy and Dean were walking around last year as an extra person for additional staff for restroom breaks, extra eyes.

Earle: How much was the "jubilosity venue", it was for free originally, and then they started charging. They were only going up with the rate of inflation. Unlike the hotels, who charge exponentially higher each year. The total cost is the bottom line, the cheaper the better. Hotels will charge an additional 24%.

Last Scholastic tournament: About 250 kids and twice that for parents. Set up for 300 people. Kindergarten section holds about 40 kids.

Jesse: Food trucks: Charge $500 a day per truck to help offset the cost. Possibly charge $10 additional fee to offset our cost.

Earle: Question for Jesse, $500 may be a little excessive. Earle was thinking $200 per day charge for food trucks.
We had a $1000 deposit, and then the venue charged $1800-$1900 afterwards. Andy you initially paid the bill and Tom reimbursed approximately $2500. We are trying to ensure that we have the tables and chairs charged for initially and not have them charge us after the event is completed.

Earle: is trying to find different venues. The Sheraton looks appealing.
At the end of the Colorado Open, Earle asked if the Embassy Suites was available next year. Embassy Suites stated they already gave the venue away to a football event. We may have to move the Colorado Open until after Labor Day because for the weekend of Labor Day many venues are being reserved. Earle booked the Sheraton just in case.
The hotel in the Springs will hold the Class Championship. Looking at Greeley and possibly the Fairgrounds for the Senior Open.
All Girls championship can be done at the library.

Jesse: possibly investigating churches, Elks lodge. Colleges are a concern because they want free entry for their students taking away from our profit margins.

Jesse: Colorado Scholastic Chess league did kick off. There is a demand to go back to over the board games and not online for all the schools. We have 18 teams over 8 schools. Two divisions, one team is the primary, and a secondary team. Will manifest in $900 minus the trophy cost.
Earle: Didn't want to take away the scholastic championship. Have another discussion as far as separating the scholastic championship and a separate tournament that is not the state championship. Thinking in the future to decide rules such as rating restrictions.

Jesse: Fundraiser for raising money. Jesse is wondering if we can spread flyers to boost participation. Possibly inquire if Rebecca Graham would be interested in assisting with fundraising because she has experience in this arena.
Would like a flyer altered to represent the new 2024 year.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Project: discussion on moving forward with purchasing software and solidifying the team related to them being high school students.

With no further business to discuss, the December board meeting was closed.

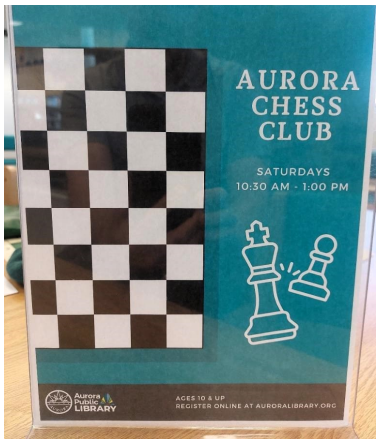
Signed

Nicholas Brookins, Colorado State Chess Association Secretary

Spotlight on Colorado Chess Clubs

Aurora Chess Club

We meet every Saturday at 10:30AM at the Aurora Central Library on Alameda and Chambers Road in Aurora Colorado. CONTACT INFO: 303-364-4903. Al Skarie is the club manager. Lessons can be provided. Ten years or older please. Come and have some fun. Tournaments are planned in the future. Thank you



Aurora Chess Club manager Al Skarie holds up one of his club t-shirts

Players recently at the Aurora Chess Club

Al Skarie runs the Aurora Chess Club and they meet every Saturday at the Aurora Central Library located at: 14949 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80012

If you would like to see your chess club in the spotlight here or have news about your club for future issues, please contact me.
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Colorado Chess News

The large playing hall in Orlando

(L) Darshan Satishkumar at the Nationals

Colorado represented at the National K-12 Grade Championships

Nine Colorado players attended the K-12 Nationals in Orlando Florida December 15-17, 2023. A total of 2404 players participated and there is a good future for US chess with such a number of young kids playing. The third grade boasted 269 players alone and had several 1800+ players and one 1900+ player!

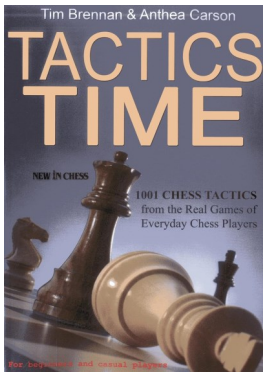
Tenth grade: John Schoenke finished 74 out of 132 players with 3.5/7 points.
Eighth grade: Tanya Prabhu finished 32 out of 213 players with 5.0/7 points.
Seventh grade: Darshan Satishkumar finished 48 out of 207 players with 4.5/7 points.
Sixth grade: Rocco Degeest finished 46 out of 251 players with 4.5/7 points.
Fourth grade:
- Jude Fee finished 31 out of 242 players with 5.0/7 points.
- James Corbett III finished 81 out of 242 players with 4.0/7 points.
- Eric Gessler finished 159 out of 242 players with 3.0/7 points.

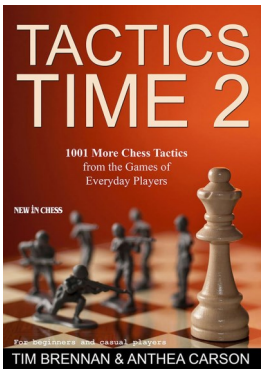
Second grade: Ella Wikiel finished 92 out of 229 players with 4.0/7 points.
First grade: Micah Corbett finished 116 out of 142 players with 2.0/7 points.

Many trophies to present!
(Photos courtesy of Satish Kumar)

Tactics Time celebrates 20 years in the Colorado Chess Informant!

Tim Brennan celebrates 20 years publishing his Tactics Time puzzles in the Informant. He has authored two very popular books called Tactics Time and Tactics Time 2 available on Amazon. We are very grateful to Tim for sharing all these puzzles over the years and his former service as editor of the Colorado Chess Informant. We have published his most recent puzzles along with his very first puzzles twenty years ago in this issue. Thank you for puzzling us Tim...





Congratulations Todd Bardwick

Congratulations to Todd Bardwick for earning the National Tournament Director certification. His long chess career has many accolades including the induction into the Colorado Chess Hall of Fame. See more of his story here: [NM Todd Bardwick – Chess Academy of Denver]

Upcoming 2024 Colorado Scholastic Chess Championship

Dearest Fellow Chess Parents, Students, Participants & Facilitators,

Across Colorado, a quiet revolution is brewing. Young minds are ablaze with the strategic fire of chess, and their numbers are swelling like a rising tide. We, the guardians of this intellectual awakening, have a momentous responsibility: to channel this energy into a wave that crashes upon the 2024 Colorado Scholastic Chess Championship, doubling our impact and crowning twice the champions!

Last year, 225 bright minds locked horns in a thrilling display of logic and sportsmanship. We witnessed tears of joy, sighs of defeat, and most importantly, the unyielding spirit of young minds pushing the boundaries of their potential. But can you imagine the thunderous applause, the doubled cheers, the immense pride of seeing 450 young champions take their rightful place on the podium?

This, my friends, is the dream we must turn into reality. We are not merely chess facilitators; we are architects of destiny. We mold the minds that will one day shape our world, and chess is the chisel carving their brilliance. Together, let us build a stage grand enough to showcase their talent, a tournament so inspiring it echoes through the halls of Colorado's chess legacy.

Think of the faces, etched with determination and exhilaration. Think of the parents, beaming with pride at their children's intellectual prowess. Think of the ripple effect, the countless communities ignited by the spark of chess, by the sheer force of our collective action.

This is not just a tournament; it's a movement. It's a testament to the transformative power of chess, a beacon of hope for the future of our state's young minds. And you, my esteemed colleagues, are the generals in this noble campaign. With every registration, every shared poster, every passionate conversation, we build the army of champions. Let us join hands, strategize, and mobilize our communities. Let us unleash the power of chess, doubling our impact and making the 2024 Championship a day etched in Colorado's chess history.

The clock is ticking, friends. The battle plan is laid out:

Spread the word: Share the registration links (http://www.coloradochess.com/newtourn.shtml?id=1393#tournamentContent, https://caissachess.net/online-registration/index/3670) on your platforms, in your schools, and across your communities.

Inspire your students: Let them know their brilliance deserves a grand stage. Fuel their competitive spirit and guide them towards this pinnacle event.

Lead by example: Register your students early, volunteer your time, and be the driving force behind this movement.

Remember, even the grandest chess games start with a single move. Let us take that first step, together, and watch the magic unfold.

With unwavering optimism and boundless faith,

CSCA Vice President Jesse R. Cohen

P.S. Don't forget to check out the full details of the championship (http://www.coloradochess.com/newtourn.shtml?id=1393#tournamentContent) and let's make this the most talked-about chess event in Colorado history!

Register here: Caissa Chess Software

Share Jesse's info link here:

Double the Impact, Double the Champions: Join the 2024 Colorado Scholastic Chess Championship!

Denver Chess Club 2023 Fall Classic

By JC Macneil (reprinted with permission)

There is no question that the popularity of chess continues to rise. Looking over the registration list for the 2023 DCC Fall Classic, I didn't recognize even half the names. Back in the day, Brian Wall and I could name any player in the room. Mainly because there were nowhere near as many players and it was pretty much the same players at each tournament. I'm glad to say those days are long gone. Part of the reason for the rise of popularity is chess parents have become aware that chess is good for helping their kids learn how to think.

What other game can get kids to sit still for hours

So it's good to see more and more school age players taking up the game. I think the reason is the sense of accomplishment that comes with winning by what you, and you alone, did throughout the course of the game, and knowing that luck had little or nothing to do with it. When playing a game sometimes you'll see a tricky winning combination and your eyes light up. Or in a bad position, you find a way to save the game. Meaning sometimes a draw is even better than winning. When you save a lost game, you snatch defeat from the jaws of an opponent's victory :-) All this is just saying there is a thrill factor to playing tournament chess, that non-players just don't get.

Speaking of scholastic players, this is from scholastic chess organizer Jesse Cohen who runs the Summit School of Chess . "I'm getting ready to formally announce that the 2023-2024 Colorado Chess League (for elementary and middle school) will be starting in November... A way to form a school team and compete against other school teams." Mr. Cohen has been promoting and organizing school team tournaments for years and years. Contact Jesse for more information.

Owen Curtis (b) vs Alex Bohn (w)
Last round game for the championship

So then, all that said, on to who won a share of the huge DCC Fall Classic 4500 dollar prize fund. In the Championship section, it cannot be called anything but a big surprise that Owen Curtis - USCF rated "only" 1819 finished ahead of NM Brian Wall, NM Richard Shtivelband, and strong Expert Rhett Langseth. With 4 wins and a Round 4 bye, Owen took clear 1st place and won 600 Dollars. Well done, Mr. Curtis!!

Mr. Wall, Mr. Shtivelband, and Mr. Langseth all ended up with 4 points and they share the combined 2nd, 3rd, and U2200 prize. With each player winning 266 dollars and 67 cents. Why Rhett is sharing the U2200 prize was beyond me. It seemed that should have been extra for him alone since Brian and Richard are rated over 2200. Earle Wikle, DCC President and chief TD, explained that it was due to USCF rule 32B. Reading through the density of that was also beyond me :-)

Of note is Alex Bohn's (rated 1846) first four games were all huge upsets. He started out with a win against NM Shtivelband, held a draw against former CSCA President, Brad Lundstrom, won against near Expert Luis Jimenez, then beat strong Expert Rhett Langseth. Only losing in the last round to the DCC Fall classic Champion, Owen Curtis. Mr. Bohn won the 200 dollar U2000 prize. Proving that you can't look at a player's rating and assume a result. As we should all know by now :-)

DCC Treasurer Luis Jimenez vs. Daniel Herman

In the U1800 section, Willard Davis and Eli Cohrs each finished with 4 points. They share the combined 1st and 2nd place prize of 700 dollars. Mr. Cohrs had 3.5 points going into the last round, and with a win against Darshan Satishkumar would have taken clear 1st place. But Darshan was having none of that and the game ended in a draw. Allowing Mr. Davis to tie with a last round upset win over Johnathan Amdahl. Kristopher Zelkin and Mr. Satishkumar both finished with 3.5 points and they share the 3rd place prize of 200 dollars.

Eli Cohrs (b) vs. Darshan Satishkumar (w)

In the U1600 section, both Kyle Luo and Mark Lauer ended up with 4.5 points. Tying for 1st and 2nd place. Mr. Lauer benefitted from a 1st round forfeit win, and when they were paired against each other in round 3, Mark held the higher rated Kyle to a draw. Both players won 287.50 dollars for their excellent play.

Krish Mathimaran won the 125 dollar 3rd place prize with 3.5 points. Matthew Miller and Conner Tran didn't win any money with 2.5 points, but they will be gaining USCF rating points, as their scores were all from upsetting higher rated opponents. Who cares about the money? It's the rating points that matter :-)

Seth Fortinsky (b) vs. James Colbertt (w)

Seth Fortinsky took 1st place in the U1400 section with 4.5 points and won 350 dollars. The combined 2nd and 3rd place prize was won by Micah Pena and Ricky Marchant. They both won 175 dollars with 4 points. The youngster James Colbertt had the best upset in this section when he won against the 248 higher rated, An Andy Hoang in round 3. I should mention that Shirley Herman only scored 1 point, but it was from drawing against two much higher rated players.

Lan Troung (w) vs. Brendon Wells (b)

In the U1200 section, Lan Troung won the 1st place prize of 300 dollars with 4.5 points. It may have been a 5-0 score if he had not taken a 1st round bye. The combined 2nd and 3rd place prize was won by Jason Wuu, Harley Richardson, and Brendan Wells. They all finished with 4 points and each player won 100 dollars.

Micheal-van Dinh had a nice last round 384 rating point difference win over Alison Walker. There were only two other upsets in this section, and both were less than a 100 point rating difference. My opinion is if it's not more than a 100 point difference, it's a big win but not really an upset. I am hoping at next year's DCC weekend tournaments, we will have Upset prizes as we do for our Tuesday and Thursday night tournaments.

I'd like to finish this report by saying I appreciate DCC President, Earle Wikle, having a five sections tournament. Thus spreading the wealth and allowing any player - regardless of their rating - some chance of winning prize money. Also thanks to Mr. Wikle for setting up the DGT boards. Quoting Mr. Wikle: "The top eight boards (1-4 Championship, 5-6 U1800, 7-8 U1600) were displayed on the Library's big projector screen so that all can watch the games without getting up and walking over to the top boards. One person commented, “Nice touch”. It most certainly gave a feeling of seeing those old pictures where the top boards were displayed on a big board on the wall for the public to watch from a distance."

Mr. Wikle had this to say about the Aurora Library: "I would like to thank the Aurora public library for allowing us to use the library and stay after to get setup, play, and tear down. The whole library staff is amazing, and most notably Tessy Walker, Virginia De La Paz, Andrea North, Nisha Chatnani, Justine Camacho, all helped out with making the tournament a success." Mr. Wilke has informed me that, unfortunately the library will closing on Sundays in the near future. Mr. Wikle asked me to include a library contact and for us to ask them to reconsider their decision. Assistant TD, Peter Barlay is on the job. He and Earle Wikle do good work.

Many thanks to assistant TD Peter Barlay for once again making sure Earle got things right :-) Of course, the DCC is most grateful for the players who play in DCC tournaments. Casual chess is all well and good, but tournament chess for prize money and rating points is the real thing. Thank you all very much.

The DCC also very much appreciates chess parents who wait patiently while their kids play a game that can last hours. Thank you. Somehow I accidentally deleted a photo of the #1 chess parent, Nicole Hagg. Proud parent of Phineas Hagg. Also, I can't tell you how much I appreciate John Brezina taking pictures at DCC tournaments.

See all of his round 2 and 3 photos plus these extra added attraction video clips:

Round 2 : https://photos.app.goo.gl/o4RHE6GFpnAghRp19
Round 3 : https://photos.app.goo.gl/LSiSHbqz8C3NRzFn6
Videos : https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLHRN9HSl3pFzcTogySbRSISZcR4NMGrPD&si=4ZtuNJyVEtFuwLCa

Another DCC tournament has filled up the room with chess players

DCC Fall Classic by Earle Wikle

This year the 2023 DCC Fall Classic was held at the Aurora Public Library Central branch off E. Alameda Ave. 101 players showed up to fight it out in 5 sections, Championship +1600; U1800; U1600; U1400, and U1200; with a total prize fund of $4500. The tournament had a number of upsets in all sections, and many were on the top boards in each section shown on 12 electronic DGT boards. The top eight boards (1-4 Championship, 5-6 U1800, 7-8 U1600) were displayed on the Library's big projector screen so that all can watch the games without getting up and walking over to the top boards. One person commented, "Nice touch". It most certainly gave a feeling of seeing those old pictures where the top boards were displayed on a big board on the wall for the public to watch from a distance.

I don't know if it was because the players were playing on DGT boards, or the beautiful Fall weather, or perhaps the eclipse, but in round 1 of the championship section, the top two boards with masters were upset. Only to have the masters come back and finish the tournament 4-1 and tie for second through fourth. Rhett Langseth looked as though he was going to repeat his first place finish in the Denver Open, but was upset by Alex Bohn, who also beat LM Richard Shtivelband in round 1. Due to all the upsets, in the last round two class A players were on board one playing for first place. The young chess coach from the Fort Collins area, Owen Curtis, defeated the upset king, Alex Bohn, in the final game. Owen took home first place and $600. LM Wall, LM Shtivelband, and CM Rhett Langseth, pooled the money from 2nd, 3rd, and under 2200, to split $800 three ways for $266.67

In the U1800, Willard Davis and Eli Cohrs tied for first and second, each taking home $350. With Eli scoring two wins and two draws against the top five finishers, and gaining 112 rating points. Kristopher Zelkin and Darshan Satishkumar finished with a tie for third and fourth, each winning $100.

In the U1600, Mark Lauer and Kyle Luo tied for first and second, winning $287.50, and Krish Mathimaran placed third, winning $125.

The U1400, Seth Fortinsky with 4.5 took home clear first winning $350. While Micah Pena and Ricky Marchant tied for second and third, winning $175.

In the U1200, Lan Truong with 4.5 won first $300, and Brendan Wells, Harley Richardson, and Jason Wuu, finished with 4 points to equally divide up $300 to take home $100 each.

Finally, I would like to thank the Aurora public library for allowing us to use the library and stay after to get setup, play, and tear down. The whole library staff is amazing, and most notably Tessy Walker, Virginia De La Paz, Andrea North, Nisha Chatnani, Justine Camacho, all helped out with making the tournament a success.

Name	Winners	Total	Amount Each	Notes
Championship 1st	(4.5) OWEN SEBAS CURTIS (1819)	600	600	
Championship 2nd	(4) BRIAN WALL (2219)	800.01	266.67	Combined Championship 3rd,Combined U2200 1st
	(4) RHETT LANGSETH (2094)			
	(4) RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (2200)			
U2000 1st	(3.5) ALEX T BOHN (1846)	200	200	
U1800 1st	(4) ELI MATTHEW COHRS (1570)	700	350	Combined U1800 2nd
	(4) WILLARD DAVIS (1718)			
U1800 3rd	(3.5) DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR (1456)	200	100	
	(3.5) KRISTOPHER ZELKIN (1705)			
U1600 1st	(4.5) KYLE LUO (1474)	575	287.5	Combined U1600 2nd
	(4.5) MARK LAUER (1439)			
U1600 3rd	(3.5) KRISH MATHIMARAN (1460)	125	125	
U1400 1st	(4.5) SETH FORTINSKY (1324)	350	350	
U1400 2nd	(4) MICAH PEÑA (1294)	350	175	Combined U1400 3rd
	(4) RICKY MARCHANT (1254)			
U1200 Unr 1st	(4.5) LAN TRUONG (1046)	300	300	
U1200 Unr 2nd	(4) BRENDAN WELLS (U)	300	100	Combined U1200 Unr 3rd
	(4) HARLEY B. RICHARDSON (U)			
	(4) JASON WUU (889)			

Games from the DCC Fall Classic

PEÑA,CALEB (1884)
WALL,BRIAN (2219)
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SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD (2200)
BOHN,ALEX (1846)
1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e5 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bc5 8.Be3 Nc6 9.Nc3 Qe5 10.Bb5 Bd7 11.Nf3 Qe6 12.Ng5 Qe5 13.Qd5 Qxd5 14.Nxd5 Bd6 15.Ne4 Bb8 16.0-0-0 Ne5 17.Nec3 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ gxf6 19.Bxd7+ Nxd7 20.Rhe1 Be5 21.f4 Bxc3 22.bxc3 0-0-0 23.Rd6 Rhe8 24.Rdd1 Re4 25.Bd4 f5 26.Rxe4 fxe4 27.g4 b6 28.Re1 Re8 29.Kd2 Nc5 30.f5 Kd7 31.Bxc5 bxc5 32.Ke3 Kc6 33.Rd1 Re7 34.f6 Re6 35.g5 Re5 36.h4 Rd5 37.Rf1 Rd3+ 38.Kxe4 Rxc3 39.h5 Rg3 40.Kf4 Rg2 41.Re1 c4 42.Re4 Kd5 43.Re7 Kd6 44.Rxa7 c3 45.Ra3 c2 46.Rc3 Kd5 47.a4 Kd4 48.Rc7 Kd3 49.a5 Rf2+ 50.Ke5 Re2+ 51.Kd6 Re6+ 52.Kd7 Ra6 53.g6 hxg6 54.hxg6 Rxf6 55.g7 Rg6 0-1

MANUEL,GRAYSON (1831)
HERMAN,DANIEL (2193)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0 5.h3 d6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.e4 e5 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Be3 Qe7 10.Nc3 Nc5 11.Qe2 b6 12.0-0-0 a5 13.Bg5 c6 14.Nh2 Ne6 15.Be3 b5 16.Ng4 Nd4 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.Qd2 Be6 19.Kb1 a4 20.Ne2 b4 21.c3 Nxe2 22.Bxe2 Rfd8 23.Qc1 a3 24.c4 axb2 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Qxb2 Qa5 27.Bd2 Be7 28.h4 h5 29.f3 Bc5 30.f4 Bd4 31.Qb3 exf4 32.Bxf4 Be5 33.Bc1 c5 34.g4 hxg4 35.h5 Qa4 36.Qxa4 Rxa4 37.Bb2 Bxb2 38.Kxb2 Ra3 39.hxg6 fxg6 40.Rg1 g3 41.Bd1 Re3 42.Bb3 Re2+ 43.Kc1 g2 44.Kd1 Bg4 45.Kc1 Rf2 0-1

LANGSETH,RHETT (2094)
MARMER,DANIEL (1770)
1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.h3 c5 6.c3 Qb6 7.Na3 d6 8.Nc4 Qc6 9.Qb3 Nbd7 10.Ng5 Qd5 11.Ne6 Qxe6 12.Nxd6+ Qxd6 13.Bxd6 exd6 14.Qe6+ Kd8 15.Qxd6 Ne4 16.Qd5 Kc7 17.Bd3 Rd8 18.Bxe4 Nf6 19.Qxc5+ Kd7 20.Qb5+ Ke7 21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Qe5+ Be6 23.d5 Kf8 24.dxe6 Rxb7 25.Qc5+ Re7 26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Kxd1 Ne4 28.Qc8+ Re8 29.Qd7 Re7 30.Qd8+ Re8 31.e7+ Kf7 32.Ke2 Rxe7 33.Rd1 Nc5 34.Qc8 Ne6 35.Rd7 Bf6 36.Rxe7+ Bxe7 37.Qb7 a5 38.Qa7 f4 39.Qxa5 fxe3 40.fxe3 h5 41.b4 Bd8 42.Qa7+ Kf6 43.b5 Nc7 44.Qd4+ Ke7 45.b6 Na6 46.Qe5+ Kd7 47.Qb5+ Kc8 48.Qxa6+ Kb8 49.Qa7+ Kc8 50.b7+ Kc7 51.b8Q+ Kc6 1-0

WESTON,MARK (1550)
SANKARANARAYANAN,VISANT (1326)
1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.0-0 d6 6.d3 Nf6 7.h3 0-0 8.Nc3 Bd7 9.a4 Rc8 10.Qe1 Nb4 11.Bb3 a5 12.Qh4 Qb6 13.Kh1 Nxd3 14.Bxf7+ Rxf7 15.cxd3 c4 16.dxc4 Rxc4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Rxa4 19.Rxa4 Bxa4 20.Ng5 Bf6 21.f5 Bc2 22.Qh6 Bxg5 23.Bxg5 Bxf5 0-1

CARLSON,ROBERT (1523)
RUDAKEVYCH,DOMINI (1509)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 d5 4.c3 c5 5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.e3 0-0 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 Re8 9.Nbd2 e5 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.h3 e4 13.Nh2 Qg6 14.Bg4 Ne5 15.Bxc8 Raxc8 16.Nb3 Nd3 17.Nxc5 Rxc5 18.Qg4 Qc6 19.Rab1 Ra5 20.a3 Rb5 21.Qg3 Rxb2 22.Ng4 Rxb1 23.Rxb1 h5 24.Nh2 b6 25.Qg5 g6 26.g4 Re5 27.Qd8+ Kg7 28.Qh4 Qxc3 29.f4 exf3 30.Nxf3 Rxe3 0-1

RAJESH,SARVESH (1318)
DAVIS,WILLARD (1718)
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Qe1 0-0 8.d3 a6 9.a3 b5 10.Ba2 Qb6 11.Be3 Ng4 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Rb1 Nxe3 14.Nxe3 e6 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nf3 b4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Bb3 a5 19.Qc1 a4 20.Ra1 Bd7 21.Bc4 Qb6 22.c3 Nc6 23.Ra3 Rfb8 24.Rf2 Na5 0-1

HERMAN,DANIEL (2193)
JIMENEZ,LUIS (1950)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.Be3 Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.g4 c6 11.Qf3 Bd7 12.Qg3 Qe8 13.0-0-0 cxd5 14.exd5 Na4 15.Nde4 Qb8 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Ne4 Bg7 18.b3 f5 19.gxf5 Bxf5 20.f3 Bxe4 21.fxe4 Nc3 22.Bd3 ½-½

MOORE,KENZIE (1972)
LANGSETH,RHETT (2094)
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3 e5 4.c3 Be7 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Re8 8.Nbd2 c6 9.a4 b6 10.Nc4 Qc7 11.b4 exd4 12.Nxd4 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nf5 N7f6 15.Qf3 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 Nxc3 17.Bg5 Qc8 18.Qf3 Ncd5 19.b5 cxb5 20.axb5 Nb4 21.Rac1 Nxd3 22.Qxd3 Qg4 23.h4 h6 24.Ne5 Qb4 25.Nc6 Qb2 26.Rc2 Bd6 27.Rec1 Qa3 28.Rc3 Qa4 29.Bxf6 Qf4 30.Ne7+ Bxe7 31.Bxe7 Rxe7 32.Rc8+ Re8 33.Rxe8+ Rxe8 34.Rd1 Qxh4 35.Qd7 Qe7 36.Qc6 Qe2 37.Qd7 Re5 38.Rd2 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Rh5+ 40.Kg3 Qe5+ 41.f4 Qe3+ 42.Kg4 Rc5 43.g3 Rc3 44.Kf5 Qxg3 45.Qe8+ Kh7 46.Qxf7 Qh3+ 47.Ke5 Qe3+ 48.Kf5 Rc5+ 49.Rd5 Qd3+ 0-1

MOLINA,TURPANA (2048)
MALONEY,MIKE (1900)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 Na5 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.Nd2 c6 9.0-0 0-0 10.b4 Nxc4 11.dxc4 Be6 12.Qf3 Bg5 13.Rfd1 Qd7 14.Qd3 Rad8 15.Nf1 f5 16.f3 Qf7 17.exf5 Bxc4 18.Qe4 Bxf1 19.Kxf1 Qxf5 20.Qxf5 Rxf5 21.Ke2 d5 22.a4 Rdf8 23.Rf1 Rf4 24.Rab1 Rc4 25.Rb3 Be7 26.Rfb1 e4 27.b5 exf3+ 28.gxf3 Bf6 29.Kd2 Bxc3+ 30.Rxc3 Rxc3 31.Kxc3 Rxf3+ 32.Kd4 Rf4+ 33.Ke5 Re4+ 34.Kf5 Kf7 35.bxc6 bxc6 36.a5 h6 37.Rb7+ Re7 38.Rb8 g6+ 39.Kf4 Ke6 40.Rh8 Rf7+ 41.Kg4 h5+ 42.Kg5 Rg7 43.Rc8 Kd6 44.Kf6 Rc7 45.Rg8 c5 46.Rxg6 d4 47.Rh6 c4 48.Kf5+ Kd5 49.Rxh5 d3 50.c3 Rf7+ 51.Kg6+ Ke6 52.Rh4 Rd7 53.Re4+ Kd5 54.Rd4+ Kc6 55.Rxc4+ Kb5 56.Rb4+ Kxa5 57.Rb1 d2 58.Rd1 Kb5 59.h4 Kc4 0-1

OXMAN,KEITH (1908)
BOTTO,JULIEN (2007)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Nxe7 Nxe7 11.f3 Be6 12.c4 0-0 13.cxb5 axb5 14.Nxb5 Bxa2 15.Qxd6 Qxd6 16.Nxd6 Bb3 17.Ra3 Rxa3 18.bxa3 Rd8 19.Bc4 Ba4 20.Bb5 Bb3 21.Bc4 Ba4 22.Bb5 Bc2 23.Kd2 Bxe4 ½-½

COHRS,ELI (1570) -
AMDAHL,JONATHAN (1781)
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5 d6 5.d4 exd4 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Qxd4 c5 8.Qd3 a5 9.Ne2 Be7 10.Nd2 0-0 11.c4 Bb7 12.Nf4 c6 13.0-0 d5 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.Nf3 h6 16.a4 Rad8 17.Qc2 Ne4 18.Nd2 Nxd2 19.Rxd2 d4 20.g3 Bf6 21.Nh5 Qe5 22.Nxf6+ Qxf6 23.Rad1 Qf3 24.Rd3 Qe4 25.Qe2 Bc8 26.f3 Qe7 27.Re1 Bf5 28.Rd2 Rfe8 29.exd4 Qd6 30.Qd1 cxd4 31.Rxd4 Qc5 32.Rxe8+ Rxe8 33.Kg2 Qb4 34.Rd8 Rxd8 35.Qxd8+ Kh7 36.Qd4 f6 37.Qc3 Qc5 38.Bc1 Qb4 39.Qxb4 axb4 40.a5 Bc8 41.Bd2 Kg6 42.Bxb4 Kf5 43.Bc5 Ke5 44.Kf2f5 45.Ke3g5 46.f4+Ke6 47.Kd4 1-0

RUDAKEVYCH,DOMINI (1509)
REYANSH,AGARWAL (1279)
1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.c4 b5 4.Nd2 g6 5.e4 d6 6.Ngf3 Bg7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 b4 9.a4 a5 10.Ra2 e6 11.Re1 Ba6 12.Nf1 Qb6 13.b3 Nbd7 14.Bb1 exd5 15.exd5 Ng4 16.Ng5 Ngf6 17.f4 h6 18.Ne4 Rae8 19.Qf3 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 Nf6 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Ne3 Bc8 23.h3 h5 24.f5 g5 25.Qg3 Nh7 26.Rf2 Qd8 27.Qf3 Bd4 28.Re2 h4 29.Kh1 Qe7 30.Bd3 f6 31.Nc2 Be5 32.Ne3 Qg7 33.Ng4 Nf8 34.Nxe5 Rxe5 35.Rxe5 dxe5 36.d6 Nd7 37.Qc6 Qf8 38.Be3 Qd8 39.Bxc5 Nxc5 40.Qxc5 Bb7 41.Be2 Bc8 42.Qd5+ Kf8 43.c5 Bxf5 44.Bc4 Kg7 45.c6 Kh6 46.c7 Qc8 47.Qxa5 e4 48.Qxb4 e3 49.Qc3 Qe6 50.Bxe6 e2 51.Bxf5 g4 52.Qxf6+ 1-0

DAVIS,WILLARD (1718)
NEWPORT,ALEC (1620)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Ng4 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.f3 Bd7 12.Qd2 Ne5 13.b3 Re8 14.Rac1 Nc6 15.Rfd1 b6 16.Nd5 Ne5 17.Bg5 f6 18.Be3 Qc8 19.Nb5 g5 20.Nbc7 g4 21.f4 Nf3+ 22.gxf3 gxf3 23.Qf2 Bg4 24.Nxe8 Qxe8 25.f5 Qh5 26.Nf4 Qg5 27.Ne6 Qh5 28.Kh1 Kf7 29.Rg1 Rg8 30.b4 Bh6 31.Nf4 Bxf4 32.Bxf4 Bh3 33.Rxg8 Kxg8 34.Rg1+ Kf7 35.Rg3 Bg2+ 36.Kg1 e6 37.fxe6+ Kxe6 38.Qd4 1-0

LAUER,MARK (1439)
BROWN,ANTONY (1492)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Qa5+ 7.c3 e6 8.Nf3 Qa6 9.Qxa6 Nxa6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Nbd2 c5 12.0 -0 Rc8 13.Rac1 Nh6 14.b4 b6 15.b5 Nb8 16.Rfe1 Nf5 17.c4 Rd8 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.Nb3 dxc4 21.Rxc4 Rd5 22.Rxc5 Rhd8 23.Rec1 Rxc5 24.Rxc5 Rd7 25.Na5 Kd8 26.g3 Rc7 27.Rc4 Rxc4 28.Nxc4 f6 29.b6 axb6 30.Nxb6 Nc6 31.Nc4 Kc7 32.exf6 gxf6 33.Ncd2 Nb4 34.Ne4 Nd5 35.Kf1 Kc6 1-0

LANGSETH,RHETT (2094)
MALONEY,MIKE (1900)
1.Nf3 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.e4 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.Nbd2 d6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 e5 9.a3 Ng4 10.h3 Nh6 11.b4 a6 12.Nc4 f5 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.bxc5 Nf7 15.cxd6 b5 16.Ne3 Nxd6 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nf1 Bb7 19.Ng3 Na5 20.Qb4 Nc6 21.Qb2 Rc8 22.Nh5 Rg8 23.Bg5 Qc7 1-0

CURTIS,OWEN (1819)
MCCORMICK,EVAN (1986)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 g6 6.Bf4 Bg7 7.h3 Nbd7 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 Re8 10.Ne5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Nd7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.f4 e5 14.fxe5 Qh4+ 15.Kd2 b6 16.b4 a5 17.a3 axb4 18.axb4 Bb7 19.Rf1 Rxa1 20.Qxa1 Ra8 21.Qe1 Qe7 22.Qf2 bxc5 23.bxc5 f6 24.Rb1 Bc8 25.exf6+ Nxf6 26.Qf4 Bf5 27.Rb6 Qa7 28.Rxc6 Ne4+ 29.Nxe4 Qa2+ 30.Ke1 Qb1+ 31.Kf2 Qxe4 32.Rc7+ Kg8 33.Qh6 Bd7 34.c6 Rf8+ 35.Kg3 Qf5 36.Rxd7 Qf6 1-0

BOTTO,JULIEN (2007)
HERMAN,DANIEL (2193)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Bc5 7.Nb3 Ba7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Qe2 d6 10.Kh1 Nbd7 11.f4 b5 12.Bxb5 axb5 13.Nxb5 Qb8 14.e5 Ba6 15.a4 dxe5 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Bf4 Nfd7 18.Rad1 f6 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qh6 Bxb5 21.Qg7 Rf8 22.axb5 Qxb5 23.Bxe5 fxe5 24.Qxd7+ Qxd7 25.Rxf8+ Kxf8 26.Rxd7 Bd4 27.c3 Be3 28.Rd3 Bh6 29.Kg1 e4 30.Rh3 Kg7 31.Nc5 e3 32.Kf1 e5 33.Ne6+ Kf6 34.Rxh6 Kxe6 35.Ke2 Ra2 36.Kxe3 Rxb2 37.g3 Rb7 38.Ke4 Ra7 39.Kd3 Kf5 40.Rh4 Rd7+ 41.Ke3 h5 42.Rc4 Rd1 43.h4 Re1+ 44.Kf2 Rc1 45.Kf3 Ke6 46.Rc6+ Kd5 47.Rxg6 Rxc3+ 48.Ke2 Ke4 49.g4 Rc2+ 50.Kd1 Rh2 51.gxh5 Rxh4 52.h6 Kf3 53.Rf6+ Ke3 54.Re6 e4 55.Rf6 Rh1+ 56.Kc2 Ke2 57.Rf4 e3 58.Rf6 Rh5 59.Rc6 Rh2 60.Re6 Kf1+ 61.Kd3 e2 62.Rf6+ Rf2 63.Rxf2+ Kxf2 64.h7 e1Q 65.h8Q Qe2+ 66.Kc3 ½-½

JIMENEZ,LUIS (1950)
BOHN,ALEX (1846)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Kb1 Qc7 12.h4 Rfc8 13.h5 Qa5 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.a3 Rab8 16.g4 b5 17.g5 b4 18.gxf6 bxc3 19.Qxc3 Rxc3 20.fxg7 Rxb2+ 21.Kxb2 Qxa3+ 22.Kb1 Ba2+ 23.Ka1 Bb3+ 24.Kb1 Qa2+ 25.Kc1 Qxc2# 0-1

ZELKIN,KRISTOPHER (1705)
COHRS,ELI (1570)
1.d4 c5 2.d5 Nf6 3.c4 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bxa6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 d6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 Nbd7 11.Nf3 0-0 12.a4 Qb6 13.Ra3 Rfb8 14.Nd2 Ne8 15.Qc2 Nc7 16.b3 e6 17.Bb2 Ne5 18.f4 Ng4 19.Nc4 Qb4 20.h3 exd5 21.exd5 Qxc4 22.hxg4 Nxd5 23.Re1 Qd4 24.Nd1 Nb4 25.Qb1 Qd2+ 26.Kf1 Nc2 27.Re2 Nxa3 28.Bxa3 Qd5 29.Re3 Rxa4 30.Re8+ Rxe8 31.bxa4 Qh1+ Qa1 0-1

WHEELER,GREG
LAUER,MARK (1439)
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 d5 4.fxe5 Nxe4 5.Qf3 Be6 6.Nxe4 dxe4 7.Qxe4 Bd5 8.Qg4 h5 9.Qg3 Nc6 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxc6+ Bxc6 12.Nf3 Qd5 13.d4 Qe4+ 14.Kd1 Bb4 15.Qxg7 0-0-0 16.Qg5 Rxd4+ 17.Bd2 Bxd2 18.Nxd2 Rhd8 19.Kc1 Rxd2 20.Qxd2 Rxd2 21.Kxd2 Qxg2+ 22.Kc3 Qxh1 23.Rxh1 Bxh1 24.Kd4 Kd7 25.b4 b6 26.c4 Ke6 27.a4 c6 28.b5 cxb5 29.a5 bxa5 30.c5 a4 0-1

TRAN,CONNOR (1252)
LUO,KYLE (1474)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 Nxd4 8.Nxd4 exd4 9.Qxd4 c5 10.Qc3 c4 11.Bxc4 bxc4 12.Re1 Be7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 Be6 15.Na3 Rc8 16.Rad1 Qc7 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bg3 0-0 19.Bxe5 Qb7 20.Re3 Bb4 21.Qd4 Bc5 22.Qf4 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Ng4 0-1

BOHN,ALEX (1846)
LANGSETH,RHETT (2094)
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5 5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bc4 Ke8 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 a6 10.Rhe1 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.h3 Nh5 13.Nd5 Be6 14.Nb6 cxb6 15.Bxe6 Bc5 16.Bg4 Nf6 17.Nxe5 Bxf2 18.Rf1 Bg3 19.Rxf6 gxf6 20.Nd7 Be5 21.Nxb6 Rd8 22.Nd5 h5 23.Bf5 Rg8 24.g4 hxg4 25.Bxg4 Kf8 26.Rf1 Kg7 27.b3 Rge8 28.Kd2 Rd6 29.c4 Red8 30.Rg1 Kh6 31.Ke3 b5 32.c5 Rxd5 33.exd5 Rxd5 34.b4 Rd4 35.a3 Rc4 36.Rd1 Kg5 37.Be2 Rc2 38.Rd7 f5 39.Bd3 Rc3 40.Rxf7 Bf6 41.Kd2 Rxa3 42.c6 Bc3+ 43.Ke2 Bf6 44.h4+ Kg6 45.Ra7 Rc3 46.Rxa6 Bxh4 47.Bxb5 Kg5 48.Kd2 Rh3 49.c7 Rh2+ 50.Be2 Kf4 51.c8Q Bg5 52.Rg6 Rg2 53.Qe6 Bf6 54.Rxg2 Bc3+ 55.Kxc3 1-0

WALL,BRIAN (2219)
BOTTO,JULIEN (2007)
1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 c6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Qc7 8.Bh4 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Bxe5 11.Bg3 Bd7 12.Nf3 Bd6 13.0-0 0-0-0 14.c4 Bxg3 15.hxg3 h5 16.Qc2 h4 17.gxh4 Ng4 18.Bf5 Rxh4 19.Bxd7+ Rxd7 20.Qf5 Nh6 21.Qh7 Rg4 22.cxd5 Rxd5 23.Rad1 Qd6 24.Qc2 Qf6 25.Nh2 Rh5 26.Qd3 Rxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Qg5+ 28.Kf3 Rxh2 29.Qd7+ Kb8 30.Qd8+ Qxd8 31.Rxd8+ Kc7 32.Rfd1 Rh5 33.R1d7+ Kb6 34.Rb8 Rf5+ 35.Ke2 Ng4 36.Rbxb7+ Kc5 37.Rxf7 Nh6 1-0

MOORE,KENZIE (1972)
SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD (2200)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Bd6 6.d4 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 h6 9.Na3 a6 10.Nc2 Re8 11.Bd5 Qe7 12.Nh4 Nxd5 13.Nf5 Qf6 14.Nxd6 Qxd6 15.Ba3 Qe6 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.Ne3 Qa5 18.Bb2 d6 19.a4 Bd7 20.d5 Ne7 21.Qb3 Qc5 22.Ba3 Qa7 23.Reb1 Rab8 24.a5 b6 25.Bb4 bxa5 26.Rxa5 Rb5 27.Qc4 Qb7 28.Rba1 Ra8 29.Qa2 Rxa5 30.Bxa5 f5 31.Rb1 Qa7 32.Qb3 f4 33.Nc2 Qc5 34.Qb7 Rc8 35.Qxa6Qxd5 36.Nb4Qe4 37.Rd1 Ra8 0-1

HERMAN,DANIEL (2193)
LUNDSTROM,BRAD (1983)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h6 5.g4 Bd7 6.h5 e6 7.f4 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qb6 10.a3 c4 11.Nbd2 Nge7 12.Bxc4 Nf5 13.Bd3 Ne3 14.Qe2 Nxg4 15.Nh4 f5 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Ng6 Rg8 18.Ne5 0-0-0 19.b4 Nxd4 20.cxd4 Qxd4 21.Ra2 Qxf4 22.Rc2+ Kb8 23.Nf1 Qd4 24.Nf3 Qa1 25.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 26.Nxe5 Ba4 27.Re2 Bd6 28.Nf7 Rc8 29.Bd2 Bc7 30.Rxe6 Rge8 31.Re2 Rxe2+ 32.Bxe2 Rf8 33.Nxh6 gxh6 34.Bxh6 Re8 35.Kd2 Ne4+ 36.Kc1 Nf2 37.Rg1 Rxe2 38.Rg8+ Re8 39.Rf8 Rxf8 40.Bxf8 Bf4+ 41.Kb2 Ng4 42.Kc3 Be8 43.Kd4 Bxh5 44.Kxd5 Ne3+ 45.Nxe3 Bxe3 46.Bd6+ Kc8 47.a4 Kd7 48.Bb8 Bf3+ 49.Kc4 Bd1 50.a5 a6 51.Be5 Kc6 52.Bg7 Be2+ 53.Kc3 Kb5 54.Bf8 Bg5 55.Bd6 Bf6+ 56.Kb3 Bd1+ 57.Ka3 Kc4 58.Bf8 Kc3 59.Bd6 Bg5 60.Be5+ Kc2 61.Ka2 Bd2 62.Ka3 Bc3 63.Bd6 Be2 0-1

COHRS,ELI (1570)
DAVIS,WILLARD (1718)
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.Na3 a6 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.Nc4 Qe7 8.Nf3 e4 9.Nfe5 Be6 10.Qe2 h5 11.h3 Bd5 12.Nxd6+ cxd6 13.Nc4 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 0-0 15.Qc3 Rfe8 16.h4 Qe5 17.Qxe5 dxe5 18.0-0-0 Rad8 19.d4 exd3 20.cxd3 ½-½

AMDAHL,JONATHAN (1781)
NEWPORT,ALEC (1620)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.Qd2 Nd7 11.Nc2 Nc5 12.f3 Be6 13.b4 Nd7 14.Rac1 Nce5 15.Na3 Rc8 16.Nd5 Nf6 17.h3 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bd7 19.f4 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Nd7 21.Bd4 Nf6 22.Nc2 Qd7 23.f5 Qa4 24.Qd3 Qd7 25.Ne3 Bh6 26.Rc3 Bg7 27.Ng4 1-0

RUDAKEVYCH,DOMINI (1509) -
WHEELER,GREG
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.h4 h5 7.f3 e5 8.d5 c6 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Qd2 Re8 11.Nh3 Na6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Qxd6 Rd8 14.Qxc6 Bd7 15.Qb7 Rdb8 16.Qxa8 Rxa8 17.a3 Nb4 18.Rc1 Na2 19.b4 Qxa3 20.Nxa2 Qxa2 21.Nf2 Kh7 22.Nd3 Bh6 23.Kf2 Re8 24.Bxh6 Kxh6 25.c5 Bb5 26.Ra1 Qe6 27.Rxa7 Bxd3 28.Bxd3 Re7 29.Ra3 Qd7 30.b5 Qd4+ 31.Ke1 0-1

LUO,KYLE (1474)
LAUER,MARK (1439)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 b5 6.Bf1 Nd4 7.c3 Nxd5 8.cxd4 Qxg5 9.Bxb5+ Kd8 10.Qf3 Bb7 11.Nc3 exd4 12.Ne4 Qe5 13.d3 f5 14.Qg3 Bb4+ 15.Kd1 Ne3+ 16.Bxe3 Qxb5 17.Bg5+ Kd7 18.Nd2 Bxd2 19.Bxd2 g6 20.Rc1 c5 21.b3 Ba6 ½-½

BOHN,ALEX (1846)
CURTIS,OWEN (1819)
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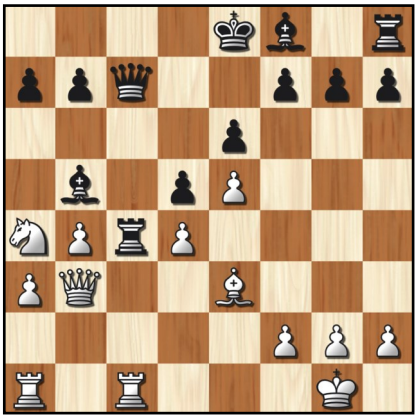
LUNDSTROM,BRAD (1983)
WALL,BRIAN (2219)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 e6 6.e4 Bb4 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2+ Be6 12.Bd2 0-0 13.0-0 Re8 14.Qf3 Rb8 15.Rfd1 Bf8 16.b3 Qh4 17.Qg3 Qxg3 18.hxg3 Nb4 19.Be4 f5 20.Bf3 Nc2 21.Bxc6 Rec8 22.Rac1 Rxc6 23.Rxc2 Rbc8 24.Be1 Kf7 25.f4 R8c7 26.Rd3 Bb4 27.Kf2 Bc8 28.Bd2 Ba6 29.Rf3 Rd6 30.Ke1 Bb7 31.Rf2 Rd3 32.Nd5 Bxd2+ 33.Rfxd2 Rxc2 34.Rxd3 Ke6 35.Nb4 Rxg2 36.Rc3 a5 37.Nd3 Be4 38.Nc5+ Kd5 39.Nxe4 fxe4 40.a4 Kd4 41.Rc7 e3 42.Rxg7 Ke4 43.Kf1 Kf3 44.Re7 e2+ 45.Ke1 Rg1+ 46.Kd2 Rd1+ 0-1

SHTIVELBAND,RICHARD (2200)
MALONEY,MIKE (1900)
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.e5 Bf5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.Rc1 Rc8 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.Rxc3 Nge7 11.h4 h5 12.Be2 Bg6 13.Nf3 Nf5 14.Bg5 Qb6 15.0-0 0-0 16.Rb3 Qc7 17.Qd2 Qa5 18.Rc3 Qa4 19.Rfc1 f6 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Bd1 Qa6 22.Bf4 b5 23.Rc5 Qb7 24.Qc3 Nce7 25.Bc7 a6 26.b4 Be8 27.Qe1 Bf7 28.a4 Ng6 29.axb5 axb5 30.g3 Qa6 31.Be2 Qa3 32.Qc3 Qxc3 33.R1xc3 Be8 34.Ra3 Nge7 35.Bf4 Nc6 36.Bxb5 Nfxd4 37.Nxd4 Nxd4 38.Rxc8 Bxb5 39.Rxf8+ Kxf8 40.Bd6+ Kf7 41.Ra7+ Kg6 42.Bc5 Ne2+ 43.Kg2 Bc4 44.Rd7 Nc3 45.f3 Nb5 46.g4 e5 47.Bf8 hxg4 48.fxg4 f5 49.h5+ Kg5 50.h6 Kxg4 51.Rg7+ Kf4 52.h7 Ke3 53.Rg3+ Ke4 54.h8Q f4 55.Qh7+ 1-0

LANGSETH,RHETT (2094)
MOLINA,TURPANA (2048)
1.Nf3 d5 2.c3 Nf6 3.Qc2 c5 4.d3 Bf5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 h6 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.e4 Bh7 9.Ne5 a6 10.c4 d4 11.f4 e6 12.Nef3 Ng4 13.Qb3 Bd6 14.e5 Be7 15.Qxb7 0-0 16.Qc6 Ne3 17.Ke2 Nc2 18.Qa4 Nxa1 19.Qd1 f6 20.g3 Qe8 21.Qxa1 Qh5 22.Ke1 fxe5 23.Nxe5 g5 24.Be2 Qe8 25.Qd1 Ra7 26.Bh5 Qc8 27.Qg4 Bf5 28.Qe2 Qb7 29.Bf3 Qxb2 30.g4 gxf4 31.gxf5 Bh4+ 32.Kf1 Rxf5 33.Rg1+ Kh7 34.Be4 Qa1+ 35.Kg2 Rg7+ 36.Ng4 Qxa2 37.Kh1 f3 38.Qxf3 Qxd2 39.Bxf5+ exf5 40.Qxf5+ Kh8 41.Rb1 Qg5 42.Rb8+ Rg8 43.Rxg8+ Kxg8 44.Qe6+ Kg7 45.Qd7+ Qe7 46.Qc6 Bg5 47.Qf3 Qe1+ 48.Kg2 Qd2+ 49.Kg3 h5 50.Qb7+ Kg8 51.Qd5+ Kg7 52.Qd7+ Kf8 53.Qf5+ Kg7 54.Qe5+ Kf7 55.Qf5+ Kg7 56.Ne5 Qe3+ 57.Nf3 Kh6 58.Qf8+ Kg6 59.Qg8+ Kh6 60.Qf8+ Kg6 61.h4 Bxh4+ 62.Kxh4 Qf2+ 63.Kh3 Qf1+ 1-0

SATISHKUMAR,DARSHAN (1456)
COHRS,ELI (1570)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Bc2 Nb4 9.a3 Nxc2+ 10.Qxc2 Rc8 11.Nc3 Ne7 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Be3 Na5 14.Nd2 Bb5 15.Rfc1 Bd7 16.b4 Nc4 17.Nxc4 Rxc4 18.Qb3 Qc7 19.Na4 Bb5 20.Nc3 Bd7 21.Na4 Bb5 ½-½



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AMDAHL,JONATHAN (1781)
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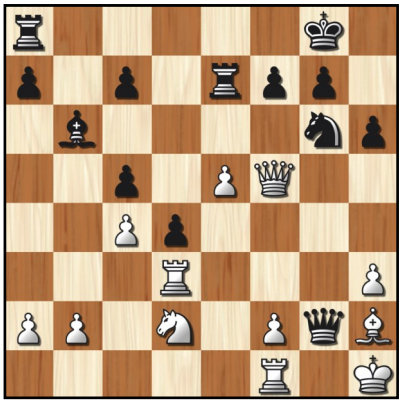
RUIZ,RICHARD (1470)
SAKTHISARAVANAN,KAAVYA(1419)
1.e4 c5 2.b3 d6 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.Nf3 e6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Bf1 e5 12.Nde2 Be6 13.Ng3 Rc8 14.Nd5 b5 15.c4 Na7 16.Qf3 Nxd5 17.cxd5 Bd7 18.Rac1 Qb6 19.Nh5 Kh8 20.Kh1 Bg5 21.Rxc8 Nxc8 22.Nxg7 Kxg7 23.Qg3 Kf6 24.f4 Bxf4 25.Qxf4+ Ke7 26.Qh4+ Ke8 27.Be2 Ne7 28.Bh5 Ng6 29.Qg3 Nf4 30.Bd1 Kd8 31.Rf1 Kc8 32.Bg4 Qa7 33.Rc1+ Kb8 34.Bxd7 Qxd7 35.Rc6 Rc8 36.Rxa6 Kb7 37.Rc6 Rxc6 38.dxc6+ Qxc6 39.Qg5 Qc2 40.Qe7+ Qc7 41.Qxc7+ Kxc7 42.a4 Kb6 43.Ba3 d5 44.Bd6 dxe4 45.Bxe5 Nd3 46.Bd4+ Ka5 47.axb5 Kxb5 48.g3 Kb4 49.h4 f5 50.Be3 Kxb3 51.Kg2 Kc4 52.Kf1 Kd5 53.Ke2 Ke6 54.Bh6 Kf7 55.Bg5 Kg6 56.Be3 Kh5 57.Ba7 Kg4 58.Bb8 Nb4 59.Bd6 Nd5 60.Kf2 Nf6 61.Bc7 Nh5 62.Bd6 f4 63.gxf4 Nxf4 64.Ke3 Ng2+ 65.Kxe4 Nxh4 66.Be7 Nf5 67.Bd8 h5 68.Ke5 Ne3 69.Ke4 Ng2 70.Kd3 Nf4+ 71.Kd2 Ne6 72.Bf6 Nc5 73.Ke2 Ne4 74.Bd8 Kg3 75.Kf1 Nd2+ 76.Kg1 Nf3+ 77.Kh1 Kh3 78.Be7 Nd4 79.Bd8 Ne6 80.Be7 Kg4 81.Kh2 Nd4 82.Bd8 Nc6 83.Bf6 Nb4 84.Bd8 Nc2 85.Be7 Nd4 86.Bd8 Nf3+ 87.Kh1 Ne5 88.Be7 Kf5 89.Kh2 Nc6 90.Bh4 Kf4 91.Kh3 Kf5 92.Kh2 ½-½

WHEELER,GREG
LUO,KYLE (1474)
1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Nxe4 d5 5.Bxd5 Qxd5 6.d3 Nc6 7.Qf3 Be6 8.Ne2 Be7 9.Bd2 h6 10.Qg3 0-0-0 11.N2c3 Qd7 12.a3 f5 13.Qe3 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Nd4 15.0-0-0 Qa4 16.b3 Bxa3+ 17.Kb1 Bxb3 18.Nc3 Bxc2+ 19.Ka2 Qb3+ 20.Ka1 Qb2# 0-1

AMDAHL,JONATHAN (1781)
KOVACS,HENRY (1540)
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bd7 6.Bxc6 Bxc6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Qd3 0-0 12.0-0 Qd7 13.Rad1 Rfd8 14.Qc4 Nh7 15.h3 Nf8 16.e5 Ne6 17.Bg3 d5 18.Qe2 Bc5 19.Kh1 Nd4 20.Qd2 Bb6 21.Na4 Nf5 22.Bh2 Re8 23.c4 c5 24.Nc3 d4 25.Ne4 Qc6 26.Qf4 Ne7 27.Rd3 Ng6 28.Qf5 Re7 29.Nd2 Qxg2+



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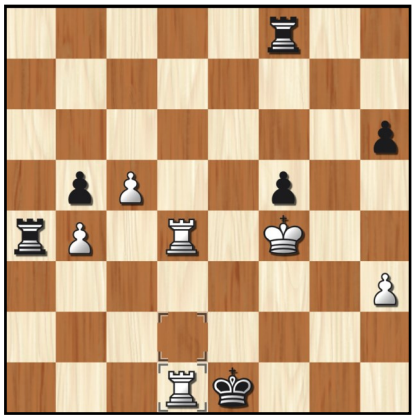


Crosstables from the DCC Fall Classic

DCC FALL CLASSIC 2023
Chief TD EARLE P WIKLE
Chief Assist.TD PETER BARLAY
Assist.TD SHIRLEY HERMAN
6 Section(s) 101 Players

Section 1 - CHAMPIONSHIP (+1600 USCF)

Pair Num	Player Name / USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	MR. OWEN SEBASTIAN CURTIS	4.5	W 26	W 8	W 17	H	W 5
CO	17334272 / R: 1819 ->1925		W	B	W		B
2	BRIAN D WALL	4.0	L 11	W 22	W 18	W 16	W 7
CO	10923344 / R: 2216 ->2211		B	W	B	W	B
3	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND	4.0	L 5	W 25	W 24	W 10	W 9
CO	12630593 / R: 2202 ->2200		W	B	W	B	W
4	RHETT LANGSETH	4.0	W 13	W 10	W 9	L 5	W 6
CO	13392987 / R: 2094 ->2102		W	B	W	B	W
5	ALEX T BOHN	3.5	W 3	D 7	W 15	W 4	L 1
CO	15755021 / R: 1846 ->1926		B	W	B	W	W
6	TURPANA MOLINA	3.0	W 12	L 9	W 21	W 11	L 4
CO	12761501 / R: 2048 ->2038		B	W	B	W	B
7	BRAD LUNDSTROM	3.0	W 25	D 5	H	W 14	L 2
CO	10410347 / R: 1983 ->1999		W	B		B	W
8	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	3.0	H	L 1	W 26	W 15	D 14
CO	16231534 / R: 1947 ->1953			W	B	W	B
9	MIKE MALONEY	3.0	W 23	W 6	L 4	W 17	L 3
CO	12318730 / R: 1901 ->1928		W	B	B	W	B
10	KENZIE L MOORE	3.0	W 21	L 4	W 12	L 3	W 18
CO	13028820 / R: 1903 ->1918		B	W	B	W	B
11	CALEB PE A	3.0	W 2	L 17	W 19	L 6	W 21
CO	30080070 / R: 1884 ->1903		W	B	W	B	W
12	ROCCO JAN DEGEEST	3.0	L 6	W 23	L 10	W 28	W 16
CO	30438419 / R: 1785 ->1807		W	B	W	B	B
13	DANIEL MARMER	3.0	L 4	L 21	W 22	W 20	W 17
CO	12889369 / R: 1757 ->1783		B	W	B	W	B
14	DANIEL HERMAN	2.5	W 18	D 15	D 16	L 7	D 8
CO	14345456 / R: 2209 ->2178		B	W	B	W	W
15	LUIS A JIMENEZ	2.5	W 27	D 14	L 5	L 8	W 24
CO	14736983 / R: 1805 ->1822		W	B	W	B	W
16	JULIEN BOTTO	2.0	W 19	D 24	D 14	L 2	L 12
CO	31332829 / R: 2007P10->1966P15		W	B	W	B	W
17	EVAN MCCORMICK	2.0	W 20	W 11	L 1	L 9	L 13
CO	31167718 / R: 1986 ->1951		B	W	B	B	W
18	GRAYSON MANUEL	2.0	L 14	W 27	L 2	W 24	L 10
CO	16746206 / R: 1786 ->1798		W	B	W	B	W
19	WILLIAM L WOLF	2.0	L 16	W 28	L 11	L 21	W 26
CO	14762885 / R: 1744 ->1732		B	W	B	W	B
20	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU	2.0	L 17	L 26	W 27	L 13	W 25
CO	16349446 / R: 1736 ->1721		W	B	W	B	W
21	SANDEEP MATHEW	2.0	L 10	W 13	L 6	W 19	L 11
CO	15620507 / R: 1690 ->1711		W	B	W	B	B
22	GUILLERMO DAVID LOZANO	2.0	H	L 2	L 13	D 23	W 28
CO	12859075 / R: 1642 ->1644			B	W	B	W
23	PHINEAS HAGG	2.0	L 9	L 12	H	D 22	W 27
CO	30173046 / R: 1608 ->1615		B	W		W	B
24	KEITH JAY OXMAN	1.5	W 28	D 16	L 3	L 18	L 15
CO	12459346 / R: 1908 ->1900		B	W	B	W	B
25	DON EUGENE WISDOM JR.	1.5	L 7	L 3	H	W 26	L 20
CO	12631931 / R: 1721 ->1710		B	W		W	B
26	VEDANTH PEESAPATY	1.0	L 1	W 20	L 8	L 25	L 19
CO	30753657 / R: 1657 ->1639		B	W	W	B	W
27	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN	1.0	L 15	L 18	L 20	B	L 23
CO	30596924 / R: 1678 ->1621		B	W	B		W
28	SAI SWANITH DASARI	1.0	L 24	L 19	B	L 12	L 22
CO	16623300 / R: 1632 ->1586		W	B		W	B

Section 2 - U1800

Pair Num	Player Name / USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	WILLARD DAVIS	4.0	W 10	W 6	H	D 2	W 5
CO	12780420 / R: 1739 ->1776		B	W		B	W
2	ELI MATTHEW COHRS	4.0	W 15	W 5	W 3	D 1	D 4
CO	30399807 / R: 1570 ->1682		B	W	B	W	B
3	KRISTOPHER ZELKIN	3.5	D 11	W 14	L 2	W 13	W 8
CO	30155254 / R: 1694 ->1689		W	B	W	B	W
4	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR	3.5	L 6	W 12	W 7	W 8	D 2
CO	16961241 / R: 1526 ->1604		B	W	W	B	W
5	JONATHAN DAVID AMDAHL	3.0	W 7	L 2	W 9	W 6	L 1
CO	12928731 / R: 1781 ->1770		W	B	B	W	B
6	ALEC CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT	3.0	W 4	L 1	W 14	L 5	W 11
CO	30219040 / R: 1620 ->1631		W	B	W	B	W
7	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS	2.5	L 5	W 15	L 4	D 10	W 9
CO	17262461 / R: 1654 ->1636		B	W	B	W	B
8	ROGER WILLIAM REDMOND	2.0	W 12	D 9	H	L 4	L 3
CO	12044380 / R: 1623 ->1600		B	W		W	B
9	ABHIRAM PALLE	2.0	W 13	D 8	L 5	D 11	L 7
CO	17054842 / R: 1544 ->1534		W	B	W	B	W
10	ROBERT CARLSON	2.0	L 1	D 11	D 12	D 7	D 14
CO	14678120 / R: 1523 ->1507		W	B	W	B	B
11	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	2.0	D 3	D 10	D 13	D 9	L 6
CO	16913354 / R: 1474 ->1476		B	W	B	W	B
12	RICHARD T RUIZ III	2.0	L 8	L 4	D 10	W 14	D 13
CO	30676968 / R: 1470P16->1456P21		W	B	B	W	W
13	KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN	2.0	L 9	B	D 11	L 3	D 12
CO	16909357 / R: 1438 ->1419		B		W	W	B
14	NIALL RIAN CASE	1.5	B	L 3	L 6	L 12	D 10
CO	30894700 / R: 1360 ->1340			W	B	B	W
15	ANDREW ROBICHAUD	0.0	L 2	L 7	U	U	U
CO	30154062 / R: 1455 ->1434		W	B			

Section 3 - U1600

Pair Num	Player Name / USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	MARK LAUER	4.5	X	W 5	W 4	D 2	W 9
CO	12606904 / R: 1438 ->1563			W	B	B	W
2	KYLE LUO	4.5	W 17	W 18	W 14	D 1	W 4
CO	30588060 / R: 1474 ->1553		B	W	B	W	B
3	KRISH MATHIMARAN	3.5	W 20	L 4	D 12	W 18	W 6
CO	30150019 / R: 1460 ->1476		W	B	W	B	B
4	GREG WHEELER JR.	3.0	W 6	W 3	L 1	W 9	L 2
CO	31475075 / R: Unrated->1575P5		B	W	W	B	W
5	ANTONY E BROWN	3.0	W 12	L 1	D 8	D 13	W 14
CO	17328111 / R: 1489 ->1483		W	B	B	W	B
6	MITCHELL BEYER	3.0	L 4	W 17	W 10	W 16	L 3
CO	30744020 / R: 1393 ->1421		W	B	W	B	W
7	TYLER A POOLE	3.0	L 10	W 21	H	W 12	D 8
CO	12612558 / R: 1403 ->1413		B	W		B	W
8	VISANT PRAJAN SANKARANARAYANAN	3.0	D 16	W 11	D 5	D 14	D 7
CO	17214134 / R: 1326 ->1380		B	B	W	W	B
9	DOMINIC RUDAKEVYCH	2.5	W 13	W 10	H	L 4	L 1
CO	16708955 / R: 1509P21->1499P25		B	W		W	B
10	REYANSH AGARWAL	2.5	W 7	L 9	L 6	W 21	D 13
CO	30165332 / R: 1430 ->1418		W	B	B	W	B
11	JACOB DAVID	2.5	D 21	L 8	L 16	W 15	W 18
WY	30456709 / R: 1432 ->1406		B	W	B	W	B
12	MATTHEW ROBERT MILLER	2.5	L 5	W 15	D 3	L 7	W 16
CO	30218424 / R: 1317 ->1348		B	W	B	W	W
13	SARVESH RAJESH	2.5	L 9	W 19	D 18	D 5	D 10
CO	16925315 / R: 1314 ->1335		W	B	W	B	W
14	CONNOR E TRAN	2.5	W 15	W 16	L 2	D 8	L 5
CO	31095147 / R: 1248P20->1318P25		B	W	W	B	W

15	JUSTIN ALBERT BARHITE	2.0	L	14	L	12	W	17	L	11	W	19
CO	14745807 / R: 1406P19->1368P24		W		B		W		B		W	
16	MARK WESTON	1.5	D	8	L	14	W	11	L	6	L	12
CO	30614763 / R: 1471 ->1409		W		B		W		W		B	
17	GEORGE PESCHKE	1.5	L	2	L	6	L	15	D	19	W	21
CO	15618142 / R: 1300 ->1300		W		W		B		B		W	
18	AUDREY LI	1.5	W	19	L	2	D	13	L	3	L	11
CO	17312162 / R: 1244 ->1248		W		B		B		W		W	
19	DEAN W BROWN	1.0	L	18	L	13	D	21	D	17	L	15
CO	10224098 / R: 1400 ->1400		B		W		B		W		B	
20	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR	1.0	L	3	B		U		U		U	
CO	30776543 / R: 1320 ->1305		B									
21	FELIX MCMILLAN	1.0	D	11	L	7	D	19	L	10	L	17
CO	30251494 / R: 1302 ->1259		W		B		W		B		B	
22	AUSTIN BATTLES	0.0	F	1	U		U		U		U	
CO	12845430 / R: 1259 ->1259		B									

Section 4 - U1400

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	SETH FORTINSKY	4.5	W 8	W 3	W 2	D 5	W 6
CO	30303093 / R: 1337 ->1408		W	B	W	B	B
2	MICAH PE A	4.0	W 6	W 4	L 1	W 7	W 9
CO	30081553 / R: 1294 ->1351		W	B	B	W	W
3	RICKY MARCHANT	4.0	W 5	L 1	W 7	W 9	W 8
CO	30292979 / R: 1254P17->1340P22		B	W	W	B	B
4	SUMANTH NAGASAI KAJA	3.0	D 10	L 2	D 9	W 8	W 5
CO	30657770 / R: 1305 ->1296		B	W	B	W	W
5	KARTHIKEYAN KANNAN	2.5	L 3	W 6	W 8	D 1	L 4
CO	31472391 / R: Unrated->1235P5		W	B	W	W	B
6	JAMES CORBETT III	2.0	L 2	L 5	W 10	B	L 1
CO	30453606 / R: 951 -> 971		B	W	B		W
7	PHILIP LESKO	1.5	D 9	W 10	L 3	L 2	U
IL	12776050 / R: 1318 ->1279		B	W	B	B	
8	JACK ADIN GOTTLIEB	1.0	L 1	W 9	L 5	L 4	L 3
CA	30962561 / R: 1205 ->1161		B	W	B	B	W
9	SHIRLEY HERMAN	1.0	D 7	L 8	D 4	L 3	L 2
CO	14812654 / R: 1185 ->1149		W	B	W	W	B
10	AN ANDY GIA HOANG	0.5	D 4	L 7	L 6	U	U
CO	30554313 / R: 1168 ->1121		W	B	W		

Section 5 - U1200

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	LAN TRUONG	4.5	H	W 13	W 8	W 12	W 3
CO	30588843 / R: 1088 ->1217			W	B	B	W
2	HARLEY BLADE RICHARDSON	4.0	W 18	L 12	W 14	W 8	W 6
CO	31444353 / R: Unrated->1219P5		W	B	W	W	B
3	BRENDAN WELLS	4.0	W 14	W 7	W 6	W 5	L 1
CO	30416610 / R: 555P2 ->1092P7		W	B	W	B	B
4	JASON WUU	4.0	W 17	L 6	W 21	W 13	W 7
CO	16168111 / R: 895 -> 970		W	B	W	B	W
5	PRANAV MALE	3.5	W 11	W 22	D 12	L 3	W 14
CO	30742195 / R: 1138 ->1120		W	B	W	W	B
6	SANTINO JASSO	3.0	W 20	W 4	L 3	W 15	L 2
KS	31266086 / R: 1139P8 ->1116P13		B	W	B	W	W
7	TANAY KATARU	3.0	W 19	L 3	W 9	W 10	L 4
CO	30436408 / R: 1094 ->1064		B	W	B	W	B
8	ASHWIN MATHIMARAN	3.0	W 10	W 9	L 1	L 2	W 12
CO	17295785 / R: 1016 ->1046		W	B	W	B	W
9	GENE DIAL	3.0	W 15	L 8	L 7	W 23	W 16
CO	31469179 / R: Unrated-> 892P5		B	W	W	B	B
10	JOE THOMAS SIMKO	3.0	L 8	W 16	W 22	L 7	W 15
CO	30628637 / R: 555P2 -> 780P7		B	W	W	B	B
11	MICHAEL-VAN NGUYEN DINH	3.0	L 5	L 15	B	W 22	W 18
CO	30916616 / R: 487P14-> 587P18		B	W		B	W
12	TARUN BALA KARTHIKEYAN	2.5	W 21	W 2	D 5	L 1	L 8
CO	30684949 / R: 1011P19->1023P24		B	W	B	W	B
13	VIK VAD	2.5	H	L 1	W 23	L 4	W 20
CO	30899392 / R: 875P10-> 854P14			B	W	W	B
14	GREYSEN WINTER DANAE	2.0	L 3	W 23	L 2	W 18	L 5
CO	31316398 / R: 1111P5 ->1007P10		B	W	B	W	W
15	ANDREW DEAVER	2.0	L 9	W 11	W 17	L 6	L 10
MI	12708445 / R: 959 -> 890		W	B	W	B	W
16	NICHOLAS F BROOKINS	2.0	L 22	L 10	W 19	W 17	L 9
CO	31349512 / R: 623P15-> 597P20		W	B	W	B	W
17	JEFFERSON ZHANG	2.0	L 4	W 20	L 15	L 16	W 22
CO	31467386 / R: Unrated-> 576P5		B	W	B	W	B
18	ALISON WALKER	1.5	L 2	W 19	H	L 14	L 11
CO	31230760 / R: 871P9 -> 797P13		B	W		B	B
19	GERALD FITZGIBBONS	1.5	L 7	L 18	L 16	D 20	W 23
CO	30675670 / R: 631P1 -> 433P6		W	B	B	W	B
20	DAN M RUPAREL	1.0	L 6	L 17	H	D 19	L 13
CO	30064098 / R: 544 -> 503		W	B		B	W
21	NIVID SINGHAL	1.0	L 12	B	L 4	U	U
CO	31390713 / R: 402P3 -> 402P5		W		B		
22	ZEV RICHARD	1.0	W 16	L 5	L 10	L 11	L 17
CO	31419143 / R: 177P1 -> 375P6		B	W	B	W	W
23	BRIANNA BOYER	0.5	H	L 14	L 13	L 9	L 19
CO	31474333 / R: Unrated-> 148P4			B	B	W	W

Section 6 - EXTRA GAMES

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN	1.5	U	U	D 7	W 8	L 3
CO	17129234 / R: 1166 ->1189				B	B	B
2	PETER BARLAY	1.0	U	W 11	U	U	U
CO	14700831 / R: 1916 ->1916			W			
3	EARLE P WIKLE	1.0	U	U	U	U	W 1
CO	12126030 / R: 1886 ->1886						W
4	WILLIAM L WOLF	1.0	U	U	U	W 10	U
CO	14762885 / R: 1732 ->1732					B	
5	KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN	1.0	U	W 9	U	U	U
CO	16909357 / R: 1419 ->1434			W			
6	NIALL RIAN CASE	1.0	W 12	U	U	U	U
CO	30894700 / R: 1340 ->1340		B				
7	MICHAEL-VAN NGUYEN DINH	0.5	U	U	D 1	U	U
CO	30916616 / R: 587P18-> 624P19				W		
8	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN	0.0	U	U	U	L 1	U
CO	30596924 / R: 1621 ->1584					W	
9	WESTON ALEXANDER TAYLOR	0.0	U	L 5	U	U	U
CO	30776543 / R: 1305 ->1288			B			
10	JAMES CORBETT III	0.0	U	U	U	L 4	U
CO	30453606 / R: 971 -> 970					W	
11	NIVID SINGHAL	0.0	U	L 2	U	U	U
CO	31390713 / R: 402P5 -> 402P6			B			
12	BRIANNA BOYER	0.0	L 6	U	U	U	U
CO	31474333 / R: 148P4 -> 148P5		W				

2023 US Chess Championships

By John Brezina

The 2023 US Chess Championships took place October 5-18 in St. Louis hosted by the St. Louis Chess Club for the 15th year in a row. Over those years it has been elevated to the premier US event with first class facilities and prize payouts thanks to Rex & Jeanne Sinquefield. Twelve of the best players returned to the US Championship field on the men's side and the top twelve women competed in the US Women's Championship. Making this tournament extra special is that the opening and closing ceremonies are open to the public, making a great opportunity to meet your favorite players. I was fortunate to attend both and enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people.

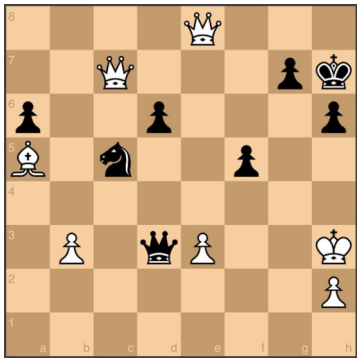
Grandmasters Melik Khachiyan and Irina Krush

I arrived in St. Louis before the opening ceremony with some time to stop by the chess club. You never know who you'll run into around the club and I was fortunate to see Grandmasters Irina Krush and Melik Khachiyan as they were getting ready for the ceremony. Off then to downtown and CityPark stadium where the event was held. This is the home of the St. Louis City SC professional soccer team which began this year. A stadium that has over 22,000 seats and provided a beautiful background to the opening festivities. The players arrived early for a meeting with arbiters to go over rules and formalities. After that everyone had time to relax, enjoy some food and drinks, visit, and even play some friendly games of chess.

Sunil Weeramantry makes the inductions official

Every opening ceremony the US Chess Trust starts with inductions into the US Chess Hall of Fame facilitated by the honorable Sunil Weeramantry. The three inductees this year were Lisa Lane, William Shinkman, and Yury Shulman who was present to give a speech. Afterwards the players were introduced and called up for the drawing of lots. Then pairings were announced and players seemed understandably anxious to leave and prepare for round one the next day. A wonderful event came to a close on a beautiful night in St. Louis.

Now onto chess. While the club expansion is still under construction, the World Chess Hall of Fame hosted the players. The third floor was converted into a beautiful playing hall with top notch conditions and amenities. I was grateful to be able to photograph round one and be amongst the strongest players in the US. I then followed the remainder online with the superb commentary team of Yasser Seirawan, Katerina Nemcova, and Cristian Chirila. One can always count on former US women's champion Nazi Paikidze to arrive first as she did once again. Then slowly players continued to arrive and fill up the playing hall. Fabiano Caruana and Jennifer Yu were the defending champions and would have their work cut out for them. Both fields yielded some amazingly young players. Fourteen year old Abhimanyu Mishra in his first championship and Alice Lee who turned fourteen during the match.



***Nazi Paikidze finds the only winning move as white* 41. Kh4!!**

Nazi Paikidze vs. Ashritha Eswaran
US Women's Championship Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 h6 5.Bg2 Bd6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.O-O O-O 8.Nb5 dxc4 9.Qc2 a6 10.Nxd6 cxd6 11.Qxc4 Bd7 12.Bd2 Ne7 13.a4 Bc6 14.Qd3 Be4 15.Qa3 Qd7 16.Bb4 Nf5 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.Bc3 b5 20.axb5 Qxb5 21.Bf1 Qd7 22.Nd2 Bb7 23.Ba5 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8 26.Qc3 Qd7 27.e3 Qa4 28.b3 Qa2 29.Qc7 Bd5 30.g4 Nxg4 31.e4 Nxd4 32.exd5 Nf3+ 33.Kg2 Nxd2 34.Bd3 f5 35.dxe6 Ne3+ 36.fxe3 Ne4+ 37.Bc2 Kh7 38.e7 Nc5 39.e8=Q Qxc2+ 40.Kh3 Qd3 **41.Kh4!!** Qc2 42.Qxd6 f4 43.Qd2 Qf5 44.exf4 Ne4 45.Qxe4 Qxe4 46.Kg3 Qg6+ 47.Kf2 Qh5 48.Ke1 Qf3 49.Bc3 Qh1+ 50.Ke2 Qxh2+ 51.Kd1 Qh1+ 52.Kc2 Qc6 53.Qd3+ Kh8 54.Kb2 Qe6 55.f5 Qb6 56.Qg3 Qa7 57.f6 gxf6 58.Bxf6+ Kh7 59.Qd3+ 1-0

Round one started off slowly as players settled into the long tournament. Most games ended in draws except for one in each field. Recent Chess9LX winner Sam Sevian battled Ray Robson and somehow managed to turn the tables despite both kings being exposed with queens still on the board and sealed the first victory. The other win was by former US Women's chess champion Nazi Paikidze. Her game against Ashritha Eswaran was a prime example of "It ain't over till it's over!". They reached an endgame where Paikidze promoted and had an extra queen on the board. Eswaran tried one final trick in the position to hold the draw, playing on move 40...Qd3. This left only one winning move for white and Nazi found it, 41.Kh4!! A great example of precise play being necessary even with such a material advantage. Any other move would have allowed a draw amazingly.

Young Mishra started out strong and after three rounds took the lead in his first US championship while in the Women's field both Carissa Yip and Begim Tokhirjonova won their games to continue their lead and never looked back. They were then paired in round four and after a long struggle, they managed a draw. Defending champion Fabiano Caruana won in round four to take the lead from Mishra who lost to Hans Niemann. Round five was a bloodbath with ten decisive games. Fabiano won his third in a row to remain in the lead.

Hans Niemann

Sam Sevian

In round eight, Hans Niemann, who was half a point behind the leader, blundered and lost to slip in the standings. Carissa and Begim continued their incredible winning streaks and extended their lead for first and ran away from the field. A big match up in round nine was between tournament leader Caruana against Niemann, a point behind. But the veteran showed his mettle and defeated the young Niemann, extending his lead. Begim took sole lead after her win while Carissa was finally held to a draw.

With just two rounds to go, anything was still possible. Caruana faced the young prodigy Mishra where a win would seal the title. Despite putting up tough resistance, the US junior champion succumbed to the pressure and Fabiano Caruana repeated his US championship title with a round to spare. But the lead in the women's was flipped with Begim losing to former champion Irina Krush while Carissa won against another former champion Anna Zatonskih. With first place secured in the US championship, the fight for second continued. Wesley So and Leinier Dominguez drew their games to both end with 6.5 points. And the young Abhimanyu Mishra finished the tournament strong with a win over the formidable Levon Aronian, putting him tied with the other two giants for second with 6.5 points as well.

Levon Aronian faces tournament winner Fabiano Caruana

The women's final round saw an incredible finish. With only Begim and Carissa able to clinch first, all eyes were on their games. Carissa Yip faced Ruiyang Fan and looked as though she was in a good position. But Yip somehow blundered in a rook endgame and left the hall in disbelief as she thought Begim was winning in her game against Jennifer Yu. But the defending champion Jennifer Yu somehow managed to come out on top in their game, leaving Carissa Yip as the 2023 US women's champion. Her second title and she is only nineteen years old! Carissa would not learn of this until later at her hotel room as she would later tell in an interview.

2023 US Women's Champion Carissa Yip at the board

Another great tournament comes to an end but not a close. That would come the next day at the closing ceremony which was held at the opulent and grand Chase Park Plaza hotel. I returned to St. Louis and was joined by my beautiful wife to enjoy her first closing party. We enjoyed meeting the players and staff from the club and hall of fame that put together this incredible event. Rex & Jeanne Sinquefield kicked off the ceremony on stage with short speeches and presenting the winners. First Carissa Yip was brought up and gave a heartfelt speech and thanked her parents and so many others. Then Fabiano Caruana took the stage and also gave a very heartfelt and touching speech. He thanked many, especially Rex & Jeanne who have transformed US chess into such a prestigious pursuit, and you could sense his genuine gratitude. Afterwards dinner and drinks were had by all. Then music, chess and fellowship ruled the night...

Enjoy all my photos from the opening ceremony and round one here:
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Rex & Jeanne Sinquefield and Tony Rich present the trophy to champion Fabiano Caruana

2023 St. Louis Rapid & Blitz

By John Brezina

The playing site was in the World Chess Hall of Fame

November 18, 2023. I returned to St. Louis for the last day of blitz action as part of the Grand Chess Tour's Rapid & Blitz tournament. The first three days were rapid games while the final two days were eighteen rounds of blitz. A feast for fans watching online as the action was nonstop. Five boards with ten of the best players in the world blitzing made it difficult to choose which to watch. Once again the World Chess Hall of Fame's third floor played host to the event while renovations continue across the street at the chess club. The playing hall and conditions are wonderful but lack the space for spectators. All the action could be watched online though with the fantastic commentary team of Yasser Seirawan, Tania Sachdev, and Peter Svidler in their new broadcast studio. The hall was also prepared for the Sinquefield Cup which followed the blitz tournament. Renovations are to resume on the chess club's expansion soon and should be quite a spectacle for chess fans from around the world once completed.

David Llada at work on his first visit to St. Louis

A week before Thanksgiving, the Central West End already began to show signs of Christmas. Decorations started to appear including the chess club and hall of fame. I made my way up to the third floor before the action began. The arbiters were making final preparations along with Lennart Ootes who has been a long time photographer and DGT board expert. More special this year was that another world renowned photographer was in St. Louis for the first time, David Llada. He is most well known for his book "The Thinkers" which contains many of his world class photos of chess players. This book inspired my own photo book of chess players, "Faces Across the Board". It was an honor to photograph this tournament alongside these two gentlemen.

The players began to slowly show up as the 1:00pm start time approached. After day one of the blitz, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave led with a score of 7 out of 9 points without a single loss. Ian Nepomniachtchi and Wesley So were a point behind and the defending 2022 champion Alireza Firouzja sat behind at 5.5 points. In round one, MVL was paired up against Webster University chess team coach and 2013 world blitz champion Le Quang Liem. MVL was in great form on day one of the blitz but managed to lose with the white pieces for the start of day two. He was not the only one to lose round one with the white pieces, as all five games were decisive and won on the black side. Ian Nepomniachtchi and Fabiano Caruana also won their games and would go on to keep jockeying for first all day.

Anish Giri and Alireza Firouzja faceoff

The second round paired up MVL with Ian Nepomniachtchi who trailed just a point behind the leader. On move 30 Nepo started a King rout with a tactical shot that forced MVL to lose his queen several moves later. A tough start for the tournament leader. The defending 2022 champion Alireza Firouzja won his first two games of the day and remained a contender.

Alireza and MVL were paired up in round three where MVL finally bounced back with a win after an unexpected clock failure with just seconds left. The stunned players looked on until arbiters could determine the situation. But Alireza graciously resigned before a decision could be made since he was in a losing position. This would be MVL's last win of the tournament.

Alireza stabilized in round four with a draw against Wesley So. Fabiano Caruana lost to Le Quang Liem but the leaders drew their games which kept the horse race going. A stunned Ray Robson lost his game to Jeffrey Xiong and sat slumped at the board afterwards contemplating what had gone wrong. While Xiong won this game he would end the overall tournament in last place in a very tough field.

Arbiter Chris Bird keeps an eye on the field

The big match in round five was between Fabiano and Nepo where half a point separated them. Fabi put the pressure on in the endgame and Ian with very little time on the clock was mated on the board with a simple pawn push. Players then began to gather around the game of tournament leader MVL and Ray Robson. A crazy queen and rook endgame ensued but somehow fizzled into a draw. See both endings in the videos below...

The giants about to battle in round five

In round six, Fabiano Caruana was paired up with Alireza Firouzja who trailed behind by a point. An important breakthrough game as we headed into the final games. Both players went all out and with both kings exposed and heavy pieces still on the board, anything was possible. But Fabiano was able to regroup his two knights along with his queen and forced a resignation. This win finally put Fabiano tied for first place after MVL drew his game with Xiong.

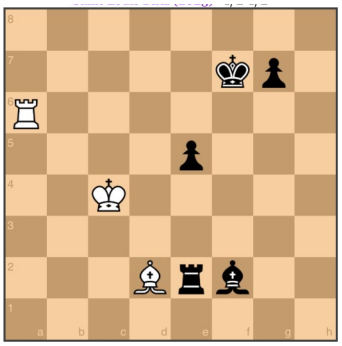
Some serious kibitzers for the MVL & Xiong game

Round seven was intense as five players were still mathematically in the running for first. And knowing this there was an absolute bloodbath on the boards as all games ended decisively. First was Caruana to win his game over Anish Giri and keep his lead by a full point. Ian Nepomniachtchi also won his game against the young Xiong to stay just a point behind. Liem Quang dashed Alireza's chances with a victory while Wesley So delivered MVL a blow with a victory as well.

The penultimate round pitted tournament leader Fabiano Caruana against the formidable Ray Robson. Ian Nepomniachtchi and MVL trailed just a point behind Fabiano and their games provided some fireworks. Firouzja pressed his passed pawn to an unstoppable promotion and forced Ian's resignation. Sam Sevian pushed hard against MVL but all material was traded down to the lone two kings on the board. Robson and Caruana reached an endgame where Ray was up a bishop and rook against Fabi's lone rook. Fabiano, having to fight to hold the draw with mere seconds on the clock, somehow flagged and put first place up for grabs once again with one round to go.

Going into the final round, the top board to take home first prize was fought between Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Fabiano Caruana. Points scored in the rapid portion and blitz are combined for an overall winner after a grueling 27 games. Fabi led by half a point and needed just a draw to secure first place while MVL needed a victory to finish first. Either result would still keep Ian Nepomniactchi out of the running since he was a full point behind Caruana. Nepo and Anish Giri ended their game in a quiet draw while a struggling Jeffrey Xiong pulled out a last round victory over the very strong Alireza Firouzja.

All eyes then turned to the finale where MVL headed into a winning endgame ahead two pawns after a long back and forth struggle. But with each player having just seconds on the clock, MVL trapped his rook by briefly letting go and then realizing his mistake. He was then forced to trade his rook for Fabiano's bishop and the game quickly ended in a draw after the final pieces were exchanged. Chess is tough and blitz chess is brutal!



MVL traps his rook & loses his advantage after 57…Re2?

Fabiano Caruana
Maxime Vachier LaGrave
St. Louis Rapid & Blitz Final Round 18

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc 47.Bxc4 b5 8.Be2 a6 9.O-O c5 10.d5 exd5 11.Nxd5 Bb7 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.a4 b4 14.b3 Bd6 15.Bb2 O-O 16.h3 Ne4 17.Qc2 Qe7 18.Rad1 Rad8 19.Bc4 Ng5 20.Nxg5 Qxg5 21.f4 Qe7 22.Qe2 Bc7 23.Rfe1 Kh8 24.Qg4 f6 25.Qe6 Qxe6 26.Bxe6 Be4 27.Bc4 a5 28.Kf2 h5 29.g3 Kh7 30.Ke2 Kg6 31.Bd3 Bxd3+ 32.Rxd3 Rxd3 33.Kxd3 Rd8+ 34.Ke2 c4 35.bxc4 Bb6 36.c5 Bxc5 37.Rc1 Bf8 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 b3 40.Rc3 Rb8 41.Rc4 Bb4 42.Kd3 Rh8 43.Rc1 Rh4 44.Bd4 Rxg4 45.Rb1 Rg2 46.Rxb3 Ra2 47.e4 Rxa4 48.Rb1 Kf7 49.Rc1 Ra3+ 50.Kc4 Bd2 51.Rf1 Rh3 52.Ra1 Bxf4 53.Rxa5 Be3 54.Bc3 Bf2 55.Ra6 Re3 56.e5 fxe5 57.Bd2 **Re2?** 58.Kd3 Rxd2+ 59.Kxd2 Bd4 60.Kd3 g5 61.Ke4 Ke7 62.Rg6 Kf7 63.Rxg5 Ke7 64.Rxe5+ Bxe5 Draw

Fabiano Caruana becomes the St. Louis Rapid & Blitz champion and continued his success with another victory in the 2023 Sinquefield Cup. With these back to back wins he also won the overall Grand Chess Tour capping off a very impressive year. He also qualified for a seat in next year's candidates tournament. Fabiano also finds time to record a podcast with Cristian Chirila called "C-Squared Podcast", well worth checking out. I have included the many photos and short video clips I was able to capture during this incredible last day of blitz action. Thank you to the St. Louis chess club staff for the opportunity to attend this incredible tournament. Please enjoy...

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The Colorado Springs Chess Club is an affiliate of Chess.com and meets every Sunday night for online chess. We typically have a 30-minute, Blitz Arena at 6:15pm followed by a Rapid Swiss at 7:00pm (4SS, G/10+10).

https://www.chess.com/club/colorado-springs-chess-club?ref_id=7846680

The online club started on April 10, 2013 after the Right Move Public Chess Club opened a competing club one block away from our downtown location, and I saw they had an online presence. As an officer of the Colorado Springs Chess Club, I could not let our club fall behind in the technological arms race. From 2013 to 2019, the online club grew to 11 members. Then pandemic!

Since the pandemic shut down our physical location, we actually started using the online club. Our first online event was on April 12th, 2020: CSCC Resurrection Online. 17 players showed up to reconnect with chess on a different platform.

I had planned to keep the online club going only until the physical site reopened, which happened on August 2nd, 2022. However, the online club took off more than I expected. We have run 189 events with 253 unique players, and, this year, the membership passed 500. The Right Move Public Chess Club ran 0 events with 0 unique players and had a membership of 41 during the same time. I think the Cold War is officially over.

Tuesday Night Chess

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The Colorado Springs Chess Club is an affiliate of USCF and meets every Tuesday night for OTB chess. We typically have a month-long, Swiss tournament (G/90+30) at 6:00pm. See the calendar for details:

https://sites.google.com/view/colorado-springs-chess-club

The Over-The-Board club started in 1947. We didn't have an official City Championship until 1965, which was won by Francis Mason. Since that time 38 different players have won the City Crown. The most recent winner was Rhett Langseth, who won the 57th Colorado Springs City Chess Championship in October, just after getting engaged.

Paul Anderson with Rhett Langseth

In addition, Rhett has filled out his application for Best Chess Player In The Springs by winning the 28th City Speed Chess Championship in December. He is the first player to win both titles in one calendar year since LM Josh Bloomer did it in 2017.

Games from the 2023 Colorado Springs City Championship

Brown,Anthony
Langseth,Rhett
1.c4 d6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nge2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 Re8 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 Rb8 11.Qc2 b6 12.Rac1 Bb7 13.d5 Rf8 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.cxd5 Qb7 17.Nc3 b5 18.Rfd1 b4 19.Na4 Rfc8 20.Qe2 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 e4 22.Qc4 Qxd5 23.Qxd5 Nxd5 24.Bd4 f5 25.Bf1 Kf8 26.Bc4 N5b6 27.Be6 g6 28.Nxb6 Nxb6 29.Rc7 Ra8 30.Bxb6 axb6 31.Rb7 Bd8 32.Rxh7 Rxa2 33.Bc4 Rd2 34.Rd7 Be7 35.Be6 Rd3 36.Bc4 Rd1+ 37.Bf1 Rb1 38.Kg2 Rxb3 39.Rb7 Rb1 40.Bc4 Rd1 41.Rxb6 Rc1 42.Bb5 0-1

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Wikle,Earle
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nb3 c5 6.dxc5 Nxe5 7.Nf3 Ng6 8.Bd3 Bxc5 9.Nxc5 Qa5+ 10.c3 Qxc5 11.Be3 Qc7 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Qa4+ Bd7 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.Bxf4 f6 16.Bxb8 Rxb8 17.0-0-0 b5 18.b3 Kf7 19.Rd4 Rhc8 20.Kb2 Rc7 21.Rhd1 Bc6 22.Rf4 Ke7 23.Nd4 Bd7 24.Rh4 e5 25.Ne2 Be6 26.Rh7 Kf7 27.Rh4 g5 28.Rh3 Bxh3 29.gxh3 Rd7 30.Ng3 Rh8 0-1

Langseth,Dwayne
Larsen,Erasmus
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Langseth,Rhett
Rountree,Brian
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Buchanan,Richard
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Anderson,Paul
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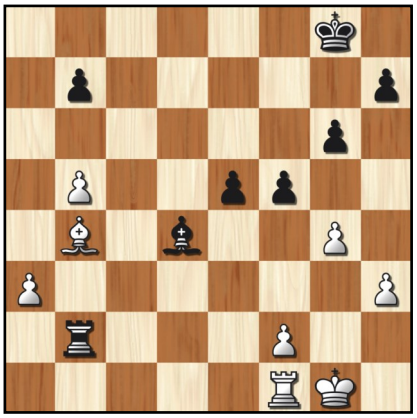

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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Ne5 c6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.cxd3 Qc7 9.Rc1 a6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.e4 dxe4 12.Re1 0-0 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Bg5 Be7 15.dxe4 Rad8 16.Be3 Bb4 17.Qf3 Rfe8 18.Red1 Qe7 19.Bg5 e5 20.d5 Bxc3 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Qxf6 gxf6 23.Rxc3 f5 24.f3 fxe4 25.fxe4 f5 26.Rg3+ Kf7 27.Rf1 cxd5 28.Rxf5+ Ke6 29.Rgg5 dxe4 30.Rxe5+ Kf6 31.Rgf5+ Kg6 32.Rxe8 Rxe8 33.Rd5 Re7 34.Kf2 e3+ 35.Ke2 Rc7 36.Kxe3 Rc2 37.Rd2 Rc1 38.Kf3 Rc7 39.g4 Rc6 40.Rd5 Rc2 41.Rd6+ Kg5 42.Kg3 1-0

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1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 e5 7.d3 Be7 8.Qb3 Be6 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.Qc3 Rc8 11.0-0 Nd4 12.Re1 f6 13.e4 Be6 14.Be3 h5 15.Rac1 g5 16.Qa3 a6 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.Qa4+ Kf7 19.Rc2 Rxc2 20.Qxc2 Qa5 21.Ra1 Rc8 22.Qe2 g4 23.Ne1 Bb4 24.Nc2 Bd2 25.Na3 Qb4 26.b3 Bg5 27.Nc4 b5 28.Nb6 Rc6 29.Nd5 Qa3 30.h4 Rc1+ 31.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 32.Qf1 Bd2 33.Qxc1 Bxc1 34.Kf1 ½-½

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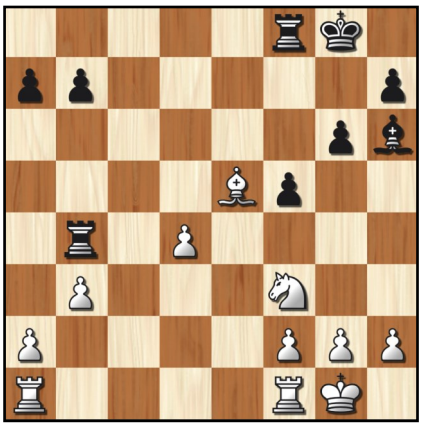

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Anderson,Paul
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Wolf,William
Platt,Andrew
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Caballeros,Ethan
Langseth,Dwayne
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Chief TD PAUL D ANDERSON

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2	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	4.0	W 16	W 5	W 4	L 1	W 7
CO	16231534 / R: 1945 ->1966	N:1					
3	RICHARD W BUCHANAN	3.5	W 22	W 7	L 1	W 10	D 5
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4	PAUL D ANDERSON	3.5	W 17	D 10	L 2	W 21	W 11
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5	MARK MCGOUGH	3.5	W 23	L 2	W 9	W 12	D 3
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6	DUWAYNE LANGSETH	3.0	L 9	W 21	L 17	W 19	W 15
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7	DANIEL MARMER	3.0	W 12	L 3	W 15	W 17	L 2
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8	ANDREW SEBASTION PLATT	3.0	H	U	W 18	D 11	W 17
VA	30644854 / R: 1563P23->1596						
9	ERASMUS LARSEN	3.0	W 6	L 20	L 5	W 25	W 16
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10	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU	2.5	W 27	D 4	W 13	L 3	U
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11	WILLIAM L WOLF	2.5	W 19	D 13	H	D 8	L 4
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12	NATHANIEL A HEITHOFF	2.5	L 7	W 22	W 16	L 5	H
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13	EARLE P WIKLE	2.0	W 15	D 11	L 10	H	U
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14	BRIAN JOHN ROUNTREE	2.0	W 18	L 1	H	H	U
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15	DEAN W BROWN	2.0	L 13	W 19	L 7	W 22	L 6
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16	CLINTON EADS	2.0	L 2	W 23	L 12	W 24	L 9
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21	THOMAS ALAN GILBREATH	1.5	H	L 6	W 25	L 4	U
AL	12621562 / R: 1388 ->1408						
22	MANUEL PASCUAL VACA LOPEZ	1.0	L 3	L 12	W 26	L 15	U
CO	30809312 / R: 1469P19->1419P23						
23	DRAKE CLIFTON	1.0	L 5	L 16	U	W 27	L 19
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24	JOE GORDON	1.0	H	H	U	L 16	U
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25	ANTONY E BROWN	0.5	L 1	D 18	L 21	L 9	U
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26	CHARLIE BICKERTON	0.0	U	U	L 22	U	U
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27	BRIANNA BOYER	0.0	L 10	L 17	L 19	L 23	L 18
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Sunday Night Chess

By Paul Anderson
Colorado Springs Chess Club President

Since running the online club keeps me coming back to the Chess.com website often, my chess addiction has only gotten worse. Here are some statistics they sent me for my 2023 year-in-review:

- You played 3,175 games (1,642 Won - 51.8%, 268 Drawn - 8.3%, 1,265 Lost - 39.9%)
- Your all-time longest streak was 331 days (that's longer than 99% of other players)
- You played games against people from 138 different countries (that's 58% of all countries)
- You won 1,642 games online (top 1% of live chess players)
- Your best win was against LenaMarie2004 (2357)
- You played 227 games against your friends
- Your chess best friend was HASamuel (49 games together)
- The most watched chess video of the year was *Magnus Carlsen Arrives With Only 30 Seconds To Play* (2,908,077 views)

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Tuesday Night Chess

By Paul Anderson
Colorado Springs Chess Club President

Since I am a stat-guy, I like the Chess.com year-in-review, even if it makes me realize I am playing way too much online chess. So, I pulled some of the statistics from the Tuesday night club to make our 2023 year-in-review:

- We played 379 games (350 Won - 46.2%, 58 Drawn - 7.6%, 350 Lost - 46.2%)
- Our all-time longest streak was 1 day (we only meet once a week)
- We played games against people from 1 different countries (we are in the middle of the US, what do you expect?)
- We won 350 games Over-The-Board (our best event was the *Speed Challenger* with 50 wins)
- Our best win was against Chris Motley (2014)
- We played 355 games against our friends (I had to subtract Whinemiller games)
- Our chess best friend was Clint Eads (58 games)
- The most watched chess stream of the year was *#ChessConnectsUs Championship Open Section* (64 views - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLOn9wLUTmg)

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[Black "McGough, Mark"]
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Incarceration Unveiled: Chess Breaks Barriers in Belmont Correctional Institution Tournament

By Phillip Krumm

November 18, 2023. In rural Ohio there is a groundbreaking event that transcends the conventional chess arena, in the Bishops of Belmont Chess Tournament, a tournament hosted within the confines of the Belmont Correctional Institution (BeCI) in St. Clairsville, Ohio. This tournament, now in its third year, saw over 20 incarcerated adults compete against players from the outside world in a US Chess Federation (USCF) rated semi-standard 5-round Swiss G30, d5 tournament. I say semi-standard as the tournament follows the traditional Swiss pairing system with the exception that all non-incarcerated players exclusively play against incarcerated adults. Noteworthy is that this marks only the third time such a tournament has taken place against incarcerated adults in the United States, with all instances occurring at BeCI.

The mastermind behind this transformative chess event is corrections officer and Bishops of Belmont club founder, Dave Cannon, who passionately affirms, "For every chessboard we have, that's two men who are staying out of trouble." His dedication to the incarcerated adults under his watch is palpable, reflecting a genuine concern reminiscent of a parent's care. The fervor extended beyond Cannon, reaching Warden David Gray and additional corrections officers who adjusted their schedules to assist with this unique tournament held within their prison's walls.

I had the opportunity to speak with John Nelson between rounds. I initially met John when he was an incarcerated adult during the 2022 tournament. This year Nelson returned to play the event as a free man this time around, driving all the way from North Carolina to show his support. His experience underscores the profound impact that Dave Cannon and this tournament had on him. Nelson is now a musician and working on a book titled "32 Pickup" about playing chess in prison. The title of the book derives from an experience he had as an Incarcerated adult while playing against fellow incarcerated adult and now his best friend Dale. Dale was frustrated with John and the game and upended the board at him, the two now laugh and reminisce about this incident.

John emphasized the tournament's significance to the incarcerated adults of BeCI, saying "for a brief moment, you forget where you are". The escape from the harsh realities of life in prison is not something to be taken lightly. I asked about his feeling entering the facility as a free man, he said "It's a lot...making that turn in and seeing the facility...." the emotion apparent in his voice. Words can't describe the power in the pauses as I spoke with John. This experience for many incarcerated adults helps in their rehabilitation and helps combat an institutionalized mentality for when the incarcerated adults are released.

The prison khakis and blues disappear, and it becomes more like two old friends enjoying a game in the park. What remains is the essence of chess – a universal language that disregards barriers of race, intelligence, wealth, background and even incarceration status. A striking feature observed is the resilience of the incarcerated adults, as they rarely, if ever, resign from a game. I spoke with Lawrence, an incarcerated adult whom I also met in the 2022 tournament and reconnected with this year. He just laughed and said, "yeah that's prison chess", highlighting the tenacity that permeates every move on the board.

Despite the challenges of incarceration, the incarcerated adults showcased an unwavering commitment to the game, with many expressing a desire to return for future tournaments even after their release. This unique blend of camaraderie and competition shows that the Belmont Breakout is a transformative force, demonstrating how chess serves as a powerful equalizer, fostering connections that extend beyond the physical and societal confines and norms.

There is no monetary prize, the real prize is the change you help to bring about in someone's life, as well as the change that takes place in your own. The rating points you gain or lose are secondary to the connections or even friendships that you make.

This tournament has become a personal favorite, a testament to the remarkable ability of chess to unite individuals from diverse backgrounds. Special appreciation goes to the Tournament Director: Grant Neilley, Warden: David Gray, and multiple Corrections Officers whose support made this event possible, with particular acknowledgment to Dave Cannon. I look forward to playing again next year. If you'd like to participate as well, the most convenient airports are PIT (1hr drive) CMH (2hr drive) and CLE (~2hr drive).

Contributions such as books, chess sets, and clocks are welcomed and appreciated. For those interested in donating, please contact David.W.Cannon@odrc.state.oh.us for more information. Here is a link highlighting the chess program and the difference it is making: https://ohchess.org/bishops-of-belmont.html

A student from Columbus Alternative High School plays a Belmont Correctional Institute adult
(Photo courtesy of The Times Leader newspaper)

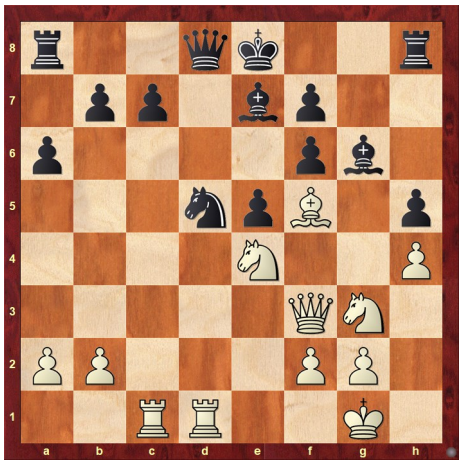
Clear, Pragmatic, Powerful

Jeffrey Baffo, Oct. 2023

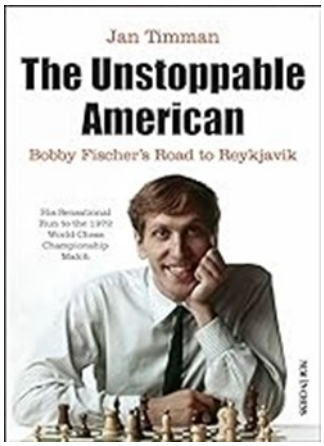
The game that follows has been widely published and the subject of some high-profile videos.
IMHO, it merits that repeated exposure.
Here's my take on it based on GM Timman's wonderful notes.

Fischer,Robert James - Addison,William [B01]
Palma de Mallorca Interzonal Palma de Mallorca (3), 11.11.1970

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 [5...Bg4 6.Nge2 Nc6 7.h3 is the Portuguese variation, which gives Black good chances to grab the initiative if White is unprepared. 7...Bxe2 8.Nxe2⩱] **6.Qf3 Qc8** [6...e6 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 8.Bb3 The legendary GM, Jan Timman, in his wonderful book (The Unstoppable American, pg 82) says that this pawn sacrifice "came into consideration" the engines certainly don't' agree and either Timman's line or the text here would leave Black with very little to show for his investment. *(8.Nf3 Bd6 9.Bb3 0–0 10.0–0 Bg4 11.Nd2⩱)* 8...Bd6 9.Nf3 0–0 10.0–0 c5 11.Be3⩱]
7.Bg5 Bxc2 [Black will have a bad, disorganized position with difficult development in any case. At least this way he has a pawn for his trouble.] **8.Rc1 Bg6 9.Nge2 Nbd7 10.0–0 e6 11.Bxf6** [Clear and direct. But Timman says 11.Nf4, with threats against g6 and e6, is better.] [11.Nf4 The engines concur, this is better than Fischer's choice, but for a human, even Chess Grandmasters, the complications are mind boggling! Trying to see all this OTB, with a ticking clock, at high stakes no less, gives us a better idea why RJF choose the text. 11...Be7 12.g4 c5 13.d5 Ne5 14.Bb5+ Nfd7 15.Qg3! Bxg5 16.dxe6 fxe6 17.Nxe6+– And White does not mind being a piece down for the foreseeable future. He has a molten lava hot initiative.] **11...gxf6** [11...Nxf6 12.d5 Bd6 *(12...e5 13.Nb5 Bc5 14.d6 0–0* "And White has achieved nothing..." Timman. But the line showed by the engine indicates White wins material at least. *15.Nxc7 Bxd6 16.Nxa8 Qxa8)* 13.dxe6⩱] **12.d5 e5 13.Bb5** [⩱13.Ng3 Slaps on a choke hold, probably even better than Fischer's choice.] **13...Be7** [13...f5! Visually, this appears very loosening and especially so with Black's King still unhomed. But as Timman indicates it is time for these types of moves. Black is certainly no worse off than in the game continuation. 14.Ng3 a6 15.Nxf5 axb5 16.Nxb5 Nc5 17.Qe3 f6 18.d6⩱ "Black's defensive task is very difficult..." Timman]



14.Ng3 a6 15.Bd3 Qd8 16.h4 h5 17.Bf5 Nb6 18.Nce4 Nxd5 19.Rfd1! Diagram at left; [What a picture! If any chess student, coach, or author is in need of a good diagram to go with the definition of "compensation" this is it. Mathematically, Black is up two pawns, spiritually, he's headed to Hell in a sidecar.]



19...c6 20.Nc3 Qb6 21.Rxd5 ["Don't call it a sacrifice..."] **21...cxd5 22.Nxd5 Qxb2 23.Rb1 Qxa2** [As was said in a similar position; "The condemned man eats a hearty meal..."] **24.Rxb7 1–0**

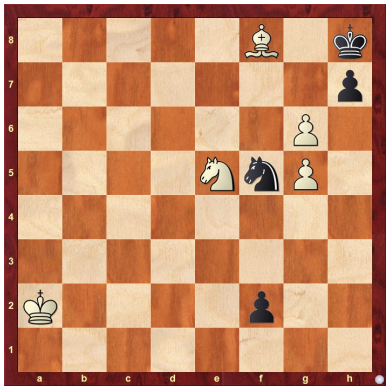
Faith

Jeffrey Baffo, Nov. 2023

Please examine the position below without computer help. If you want to call in a friend, sure, by all means do so, just as long as you keep your session "silicon-free". Since we are going to the trouble of presenting this to you in our State chess publication, you know at the minimum it's going to be mildly amusing. This might be even more that that, but ONLY if you put forth your maximum effort and don't give up. It is WHITE TO PLAY (1) and… But even before I tell you what's up and you attempt to solve it, put yourself in a trance. You heard me right! Imagine with all your heart that you are seeing this in YOUR tournament game. How would you proceed? If it were me, and I were being honest, I would seriously think about tipping over my King. Even if I did decide to play on, to drag things out for however many moves, my heart wouldn't be in it. I'd be playing maybe out of spite, but most certainly without hope.

But what if the person playing White had unshakable faith? The kind of faith that Fischer had? People talk about Fischer's "Will to win" being strong enough to verge into legendary territory, a will to win so powerful it was like a palpable force field his opponents could feel. And many of those opponents withered under that force. In my definition, "will to win" are just different words for having faith.

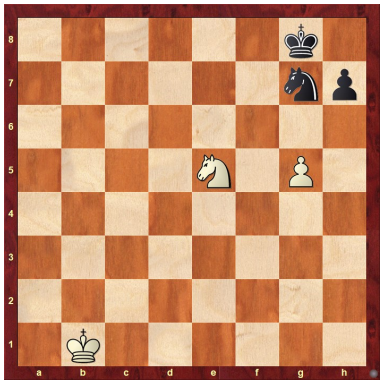
In some cases, Faith means letting go and trusting Him to solve the problem. In other cases, having Faith means WE get down to WORK! You are the instrument of faith, the faith that will show the way out, solve the problem, level that mountain.



The diagram at left is from a nearly 100 year old study, Zak Hodyakin, 1930. Published in Shakhmaty, 1930. I let my computer think for over an hour and it still gave the verdict "Black is clearly winning". Well, I'm here to tell you White draws! Incredible as that seems, given the unstoppable and imminent arrival of a new Black Queen, it is still true. But what if it were just you? Sitting at your board, looking at this? Would you have enough faith to make that draw happen?

Let's just lay out the main line, and we can go back and answer questions along the way. Here it is;

1.g7+ Nxg7 2.Nf7+ Kg8 3.Bc5 f1=Q 4.Nh6+ Kh8 5.Bd6 Qc4+ 6.Kb1 Qd5 7.Be5 Qxe5 8.Nf7+ Kg8 9.Nxe5 The computer sees it clearly and strong human players would also agree, this Knight endgame is easily drawn.



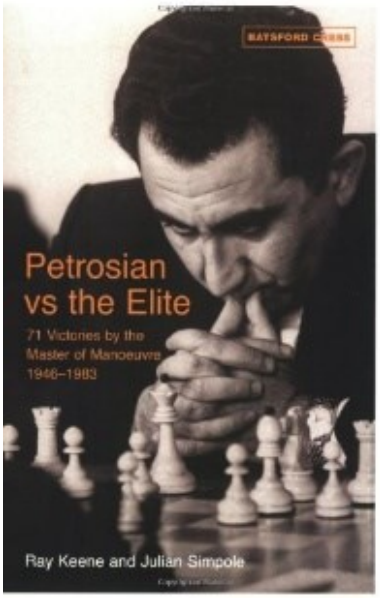
But how did we get here??!! The questions start coming immediately. Why can't Black play differently? Well, for instance if Black plays 1…Kg8, he ***doesn't*** get a new Queen! 2.Ng4 stops the pawn based on 2…f1=Q when Black actually loses! 3.Nf6+ Kf7 4.g8=Q MATE! The intricate tactical pattern that saves Black depends on two factors; A Queen can not deliver mate on an open board without help. The second factor is that Black's Bishop and Knight cooperate magnificently, always able to defend each other with a Knight fork on e5 whilst simultaneously keep Black's King and Knight either pinned or bottled up. In short; DRAW!!

I won't give all the variations, as it would be criminal of me to deny you the solid gold nuggets of chess improvement you'd get if you do them yourself. If you can't do it, flip on the old microcircuit monster for help. You will be amazed! Could you have done it yourself, at the board? Only if you had faith.

(1) I found this study in Cyrus Lakdawala's magnificent book "Rewire Your Chess Brain", Everyman Chess, 2020, pg. 60

Petrosian Punishes Poor Positional Play

Jeffrey Baffo, Nov. 2023



From Wikipedia; **Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian**; 17 June 1929 – 13 August 1984) was a Soviet-Armenian chess grandmaster and World Chess Champion from 1963 to 1969. Candidate for the World Chess Championship on eight times. (1953, 1956, 1959, 1962, 1971, 1974, 1977 and 1980). He won the World Championship in 1963 (against Mikhail Botvinnik), successfully defended it in 1966 (against Boris Spassky), and lost it to Boris Spassky in 1969. Thus he was the defending World Champion or a World Championship Candidate in ten consecutive three-year cycles. He won the super strong Soviet Championship four times (1959, 1961, 1969, and 1975).

This book is fantastic (1). The game that follows has annotations based on the comments therein.

Petrosian,Tigran V - Fischer,Robert James [E40]

Candidates Tournament Bled/Zagreb/Belgrade (9), 21.09.1959

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 d5 5.a3 Bd6? [Fischer's (toxic) love for "the bees" shows itself. Here ...Be7 was the better way to show that affection. The hard truth is that exchanging the Bishop is what's really called for.] [□5...Be7□; 5...Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5□ "...is best."]
6.Nf3!? [Expanding on the Queen side is White's best, thus an immediate c5 is called for, which in turn, the young American could have prevented with ...b6, rather, the authors point out, he instead indulges in routine development.] [□6.c5]
6...0–0 [□6...b6]
7.c5 Be7 8.b4 Ne4 9.Bb2 Nd7 10.Bd3 f5 [An aggressive looking move but positionally weak. Perhaps the teenage Grandmaster had become emotionally invested in his proud steed on it's advanced outpost and felt duty bound to support it. Better was the humble exchange ...N:c3. Petrosian promptly denies this chance and simultaneously bolsters the important square f4.]
11.Ne2 Bf6 12.0–0 Qe7 13.Ne5 Nxe5?! [Losing more time.]
[□13...Bxe5 14.dxe5 c6 "...to salvage some play from the strategic mess." Ouch.]
14.dxe5 Bg5 15.Bd4 [White's piece coordination is near perfect and his position as a whole unassailable. Black's pieces are stepping all over each other.]
15...Bh6 16.f3 Ng5 17.c6! [Petrosian plays a higher form of a "combination". This shot is both tactically (skewer with Bc5) and positionally (opening lines for his Bishop while compromising Black's pawn structure) strong.]
17...b6 18.b5 a6 19.a4 axb5? [19...a5 Would be more stubborn, but White would still be close to winning.]
20.axb5 Rxa1 21.Qxa1 Nf7 22.Qc3 Qh4 23.Ra1 Ng5 24.Qe1 [Positional torture raised to an art form. Exchanging Queens is endgame suicide, keeping the Queens on is a tactical nightmare.]
24...Qh5 25.Ra7 [Black could resign here with a clear conscientious.]
25...Qg6 26.Kh1 Qh5 27.f4 Ne4 28.Rxc7 g5 29.Bxb6 Kh8 30.Bxe4 fxe4 31.Bc5 Rg8 [And Black resigns, no doubt seeing 32.Be7. This game featured a future World Champion in his prime vs. a still-developing raw talent, yet, as the authors point out, even at 15 years old future World Champion himself, Fischer had seldom been so resoundingly outplayed.] **1–0**

(1) Ray Keene (Author), Julian Simpole (Authors) 2007 Batsford Chess

"She's Ticklish!"

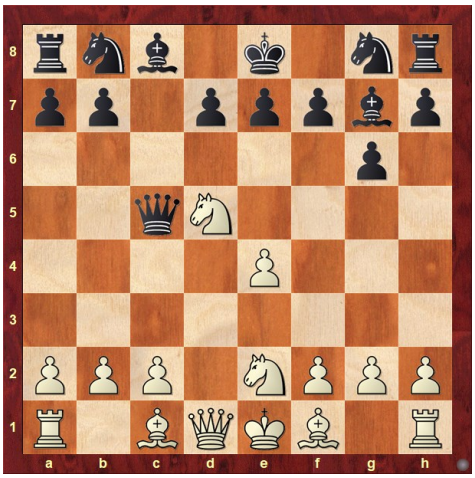
Jeffrey Baffo, Dec. 2023

In chess, the Queen is the undisputed most powerful piece. In fact, sometimes her Ladyship will burst onto the scene, rush into a nest of enemy pieces and devastate the opponent. But far more often she is very ladylike, she keeps her distance and uses here awesome long-range mobility to "stand off and sink" any enemy unit that crosses her path. In fact, she is so mobile that even if she does come out onto a crowded board, attacking her (like all the beginner books tell you should do…) just makes things worse, you wind up giving her a fee tempo to take up a different, but still powerful, post. What then, is to be done? Well, she's a Queen, it's bad form (not to mention punishable by guillotine) to attack her. So don't! Tickle her.

phatchess (1910) - Kolumbia (1909) [B06]

Live Chess Chess.com, 05.12.2023 *[Baffo,Jeff]*

1.Nc3 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.e4 c5 4.dxc5 Qa5 5.Nge2 Qxc5?! 6.Nd5



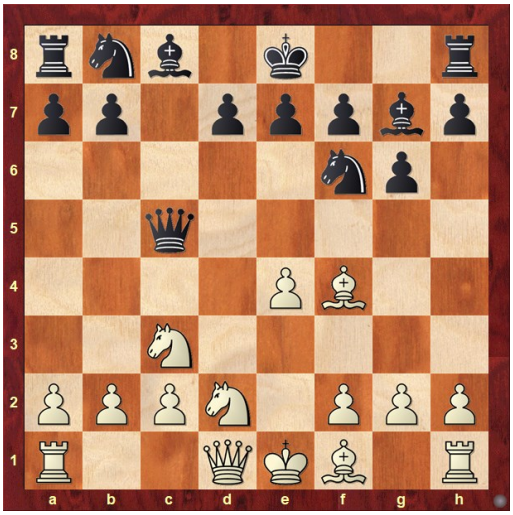
The feather touches. The Black Queen blushes at the thought of this man-at-arms standing so casually close to her.

6...Qd6? [No threat, but the threat of a threat. It's enough to cause our sensitive Matriarch to make a significant faux pas.] [Better would have been 6...e6 7.Be3! Qa5+ 8.Bd2 Qd8 and White has the advantage, but no clear win in sight) 8…Qc5?? Is fatal; 9.Bb4]
7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 [Again, there is no direct move against the Queen, but the Cleric's nearby gaze is nonetheless uncomfortable.]
8...Qc6 9.Nec3 a6 10.Be3 b5 11.Nb6 Bb7 12.Qd2 [For move after move, White distains material game and chooses rather to keep throwing silken darts at and near the Black Queen. The hustle bustle around her is taking on ominous tones.]
12...Nf6 13.f3 0–0 14.0–0–0 Rd8 15.Be2 d5 16.exd5 Qd6 17.Nxa8 Bxa8 18.Ne4 Qxd5?! [Finally, the unseemly jostling is over and the dark Queen seems to have made a graceful, even honorable exit, escorting the pale Lady off the board with her. But this happens only after White set the terms; a difficult endgame for Black.] **19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Qxd5 Rxd5 21.Rxd5 Bxd5 22.Rd1** [White's Rook and Bishops are too strong. Black's pieces are divided and uncoordinated. The rest is not too difficult.]
22...Be6 23.b3 Be7 24.c4 bxc4 25.Bxc4 Bxc4 26.bxc4 f5 27.c5 Kf7 28.g3 Ke6 29.f4 exf4 30.Bxf4 Nc6 31.Bd6 Bf6 32.Kc2 Bd4 33.Kb3 Kd5 34.Ka4 Kc4 35.Rc1+ Kd5 36.Rb1 Bxc5 37.Bxc5 Kxc5 38.Rc1+ Kd5 39.Rd1+ Ke6 40.h4 h6 41.h5 g5 42.Re1+ Kd5 43.Re8 f4? 44.gxf4 gxf4 45.Kb3 Ne5 46.Kc3 Ke4 47.Kd2 f3 48.Ke1 Kf4 49.Kf1 Ng4! 50.Re6 Kg5? 51.Rxa6 Kxh5 52.a4 Ne5 53.Re6 Nc4 54.a5 Kg4 55.a6 Nd2+ 56.Ke1 f2+ 57.Kxf2 [phatchess won by resignation.] **1–0**

Baffo,Jeffrey (2190) - Rigby,Dale (2255) [A45]

Correspondence Chess (Through the mail!!) 29.06.1994 *[Baffo,Jeff]*

1.Nc3 c5 2.d4? [My beloved Novosibirsk variation. Sadly, after many good games with this variation, I am forced to retire it from serious play. The cold, hard truth; it is unsound. Black can force a moderate advantage for his side that is absolutely no fun to play against.]
2...Nf6?! [2...cxd4! 3.Qxd4 Nc6= By no means sterile equality. For the Novosibirsk player, all the interesting and pleasant ideas are on Black's end. White has to be extremely accurate just to stay alive. Perhaps 4.Qd3 with a reversed Scandinavian defense would be worth exploring but as for now (Dec 2023) the Novo is closed indefinitely.]
3.dxc5! [Now Black is slightly but clearly worse. He has to use precious time *and* expose his Queen to gain his extra center pawn. For his part, White has easy development and clear attacking ideas.]
3...Qa5 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bf4 Qxc5 6.e4 Bg7 7.Nd2 [Leveraging the precarious position of Black's Queen, White gains this useful redeployment with no loss of time.]



If such a thing is possible, the White Knight is simultaneously respectful and menacing towards the Black Queen.

7...d6 [7...d5? 8.Nb3 wins a pawn.] **8.Nb3 Qb6 9.Be2 0–0 10.0–0 Nc6 11.Be3 Qd8 12.f4** [The bill is coming due. Black's profligate use of tempi (Her Majesty has made no fewer than 4 of the 11 moves so far.) has allowed White to dominate the center and control the important d file and d5 square.]
12...b6 13.Bf3 Bb7 [In my hand written notes to this game, I call it my "Immortal Consolidation Game". O.K. grandiose and verbose...guilty as charged. My thinking throughout this game was to keep the pressure on, stay flexible, and NOT LUNGE, as is my habit OTB. I was going to try to consolidate until I couldn't do it anymore, only attacking when I could *clearly* see it would be favorable to me, not speculative.]
14.Qe2 Rc8 15.Rad1 Rc7 16.e5!? [This seemed like exactly what I wanted; aggressive but without burning bridges. At a minimum I was forcing Black back with space gaining, line opening moves while simultaneously risking almost nothing.]
16...Ne8 17.Nb5 Rd7 [There was no retreat here. ...Rc8 was simply losing.]
[17...Rc8 18.Bxc6 Rxc6 19.Nxa7 Rc7 20.Bxb6+–]
18.c3 [Attack? No! Consolidate to victory!]
18...Qa8 19.e6! [Made possible by the undefended Rook (which burned through 3 tempos to get in that exposed position, btw) and not too hard to calculate.]

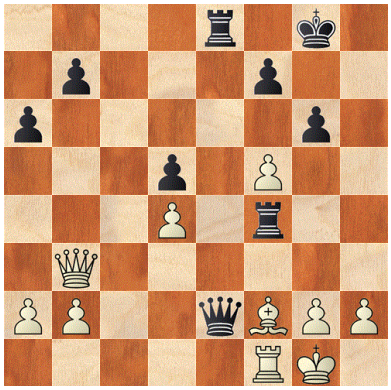
19...fxe6 20.Bxb6 [It's amusing to me that this obvious pseudo piece sacrifice it given the coveted "!!" by the Chess.com engine, whereas the patient consolidating moves that meticulously laid it's foundation got nothing.]
20...Nf6 21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Be3 [So, when all is said and done, White has won just a single pawn. What is more worrisome to Black is that White has done so while surrendering none of his positional pressure. If anything, the first player's bind has gotten even more suffocating.]
22...Nd8 23.Qh3 Nf7 24.Bxb7 Rxb7 25.N5d4 [You can almost hear a Roman gladiator crowd chanting "Consolidate! Consolidate! Consolidate!" while throwing flower petals...]
25...Rfb8 26.f5 g5 27.Ne6 a5 28.Nxg7 Kxg7 29.Bc1 [There should be an Informant style symbol here indicating a powerful consolidation move. Maybe a capitol letter C with some squiggly lines around it?]
29...Kh8 30.Nd4 Rg8 31.Ne6 Qa6 32.Rfe1 a4 33.Rd4 Qa5 34.Qd3 Rb5 35.Qc2 Re5 36.Rxe5 Qxe5 37.Qf2 Ne4 38.Qe3 d5 39.g4 a3 40.b3 Rc8 41.c4 Nf6 42.h3 h6 43.c5 1–0

Tactics Time!

By Tim Brennan

20th Anniversary in the Colorado Chess Informant

These positions came from recent games played in Colorado.
Answers on the next page.



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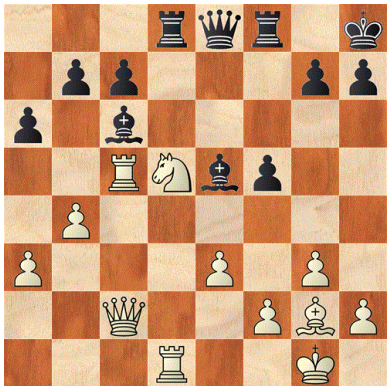
DCC Fall Classic 2022
Black to Move



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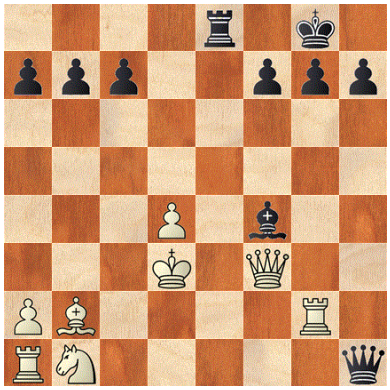

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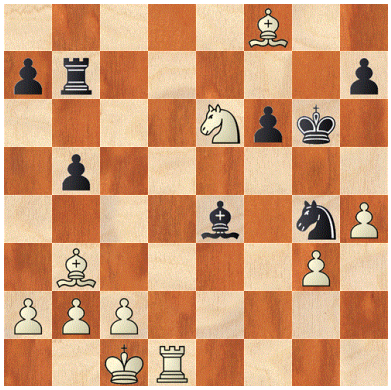

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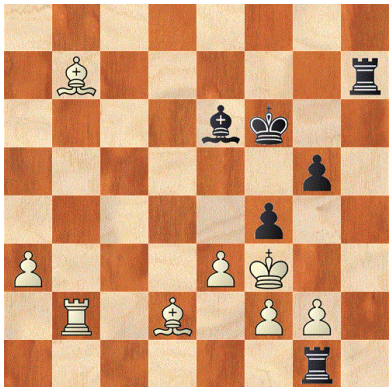

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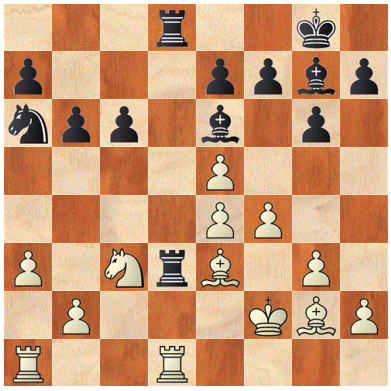

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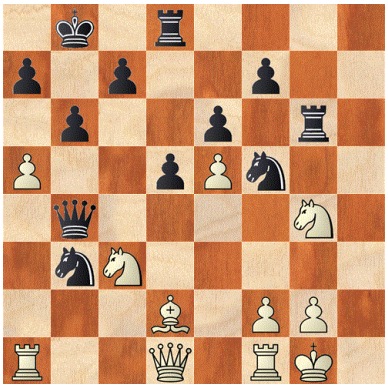

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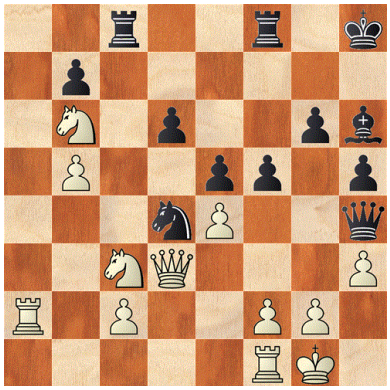

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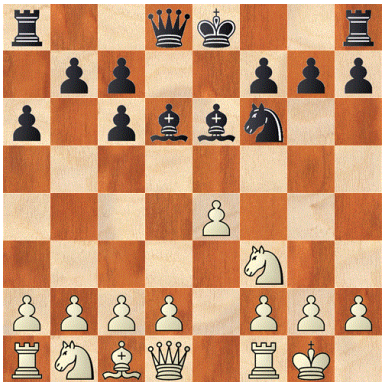

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White to Move

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Answers:

1. **30...Qxf2+!! 31.Rxf2 Re1 32.Rf1 Rfxf1#**
2. **23...Ba4** skewers the White Queen and Rook
3. **26.Rxg7+** discovered attack on the Black Queen
4. Ann was down a whole Rook in the opening, but fought back and has a mating net with **35.Nf4+ Kf5 36.Be6+ Ke5 37.Bd6#**.
5. **48...Rxb7! 49.Rxb7 Bd5+** forks the King and Rook
6. **21.Rxd3 Rxd3 22.Bf1** skewers the Rook and Knight
7. **25.Ra4** kicks the Queen from defense of the Knight
8. **22….Rxc3!** White cannot recapture because of **23.Qxc3 Ne2+** forking King and Queen.
9. **8.e5** forks the Bishop and Knight

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Tactics Time!

One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 16

1. Abresch,M- Chandler,W
Boulder Open 2003
Black to Move

2. Doykos,Ted - Willson,Billy
Boulder Open 2003
Black to Move

3. Brennan, Tim - Smith, Josh
Denver Chess Club 2002
Black to Move

4. Short,Pete - Yurkus,Rim
Denver Chess Club 2003
White to Move

5. Nguyen, Vinh - Hughes, Tyler
Denver Chess Club 2003
Black to Move

6. Brennan,T - Gerash, Walter
Denver Chess Club 2001
Black to Move

7. Schultz,J - Grimm,Paul
Boulder Open 2003
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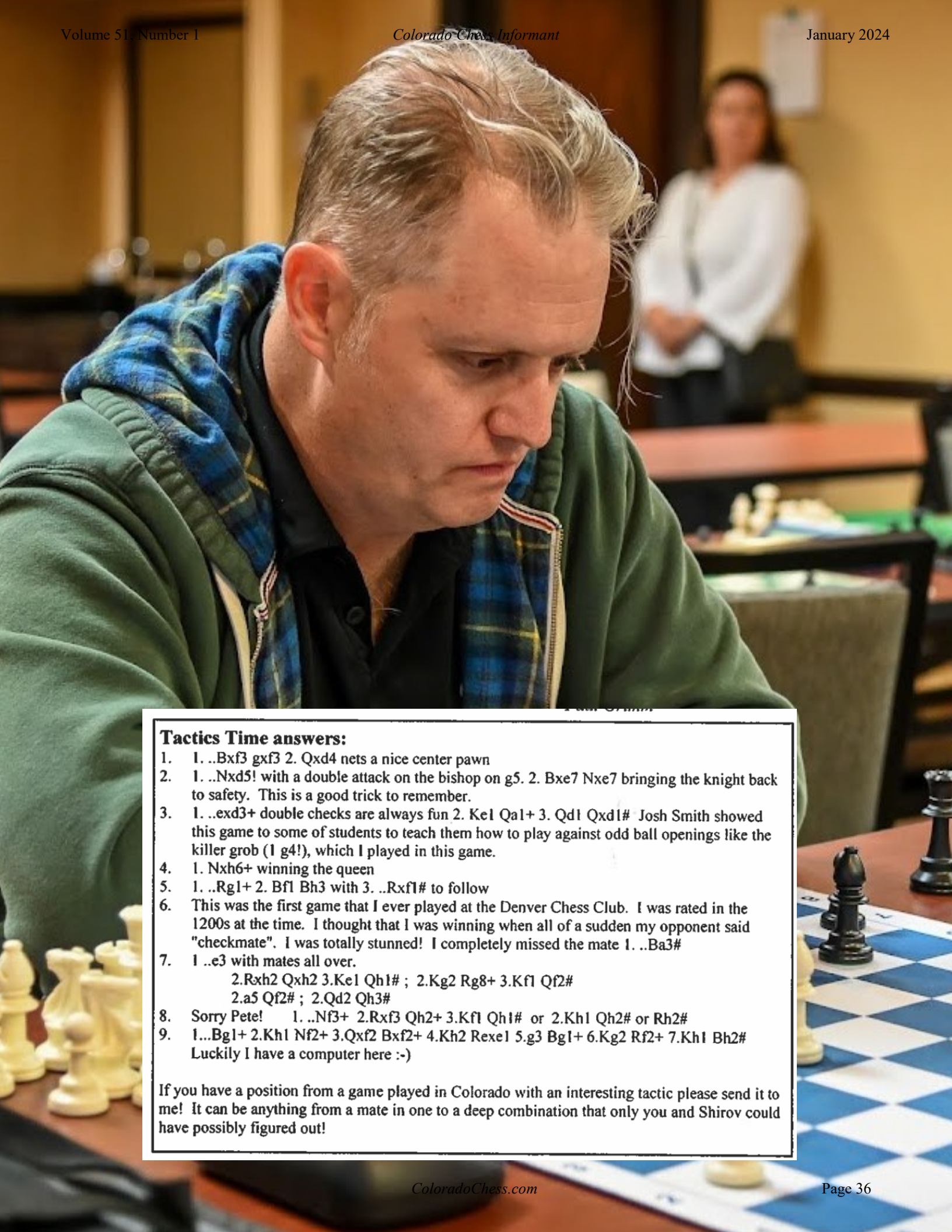
Black to Move

9. Cohen, Jesse - Wall, Brian
Ann Davies Revival 2003
Black to Move — Mate in 7!



Tactics Time answers:

1. 1. ..Bxf3 gxf3 2. Qxd4 nets a nice center pawn
2. 1. ..Nxd5! with a double attack on the bishop on g5. 2. Bxe7 Nxe7 bringing the knight back to safety. This is a good trick to remember.
3. 1. ..exd3+ double checks are always fun 2. Ke1 Qa1+ 3. Qd1 Qxd1# Josh Smith showed this game to some of students to teach them how to play against odd ball openings like the killer grob (1 g4!), which I played in this game.
4. 1. Nxh6+ winning the queen
5. 1. ..Rg1+ 2. Bf1 Bh3 with 3. ..Rxf1# to follow
6. This was the first game that I ever played at the Denver Chess Club. I was rated in the 1200s at the time. I thought that I was winning when all of a sudden my opponent said "checkmate". I was totally stunned! I completely missed the mate 1. ..Ba3#
7. 1 ..e3 with mates all over.
   2.Rxh2 Qxh2 3.Ke1 Qh1# ; 2.Kg2 Rg8+ 3.Kf1 Qf2#
   2.a5 Qf2# ; 2.Qd2 Qh3#
8. Sorry Pete! 1. ..Nf3+ 2.Rxf3 Qh2+ 3.Kf1 Qh1# or 2.Kh1 Qh2# or Rh2#
9. 1...Bg1+ 2.Kh1 Nf2+ 3.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 4.Kh2 Rexe1 5.g3 Bg1+ 6.Kg2 Rf2+ 7.Kh1 Bh2# Luckily I have a computer here :-)

If you have a position from a game played in Colorado with an interesting tactic please send it to me! It can be anything from a mate in one to a deep combination that only you and Shirov could have possibly figured out!

THE CHESS DETECTIVE: PICKING UP ENDGAME CLUES

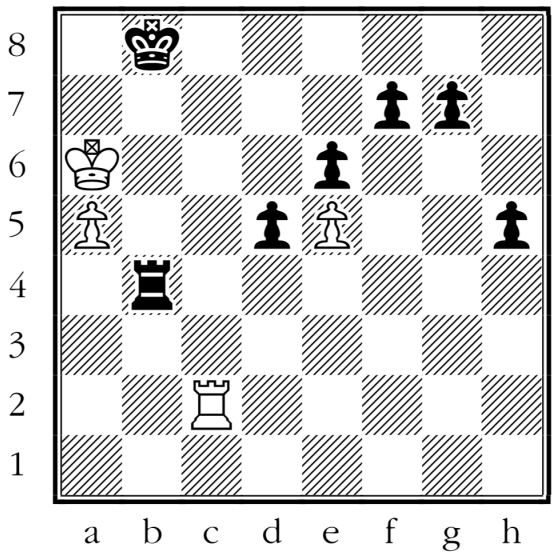
By NM Todd Bardwick

Tournament chess games often turn into an endurance contest as the endgame approaches. After hours of hard work, you have to stay focused and continue to be diligent picking up clues in the position; if you make a mistake here, you often won't have time to recover.

It is important to be objective and not get overconfident when evaluating the position: be honest about your position's strengths and weaknesses and always be on guard and look for surprise moves from your opponent.

Here is a position from the 2004 U.S. Game 60 Championships.

Mikhail Ponomarev (2206)



Paul Grimm (1691)
Black to move

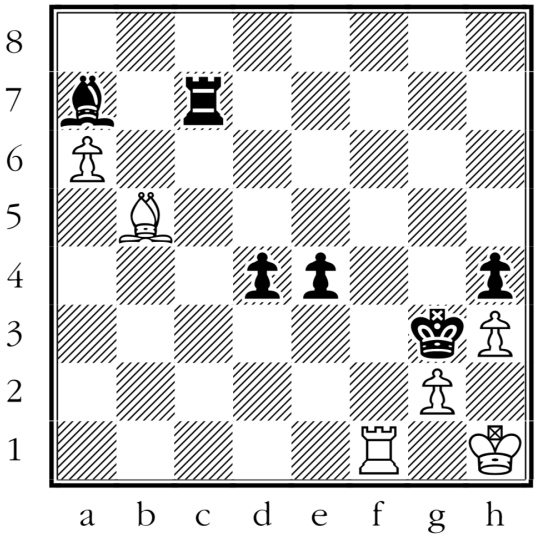
Black is way ahead in material and looks to be easily winning. Black's king is blocking the path of White's passed a-pawn. Note that the White king is trapped on the a-file and cannot move. The e5 pawn also cannot move. This means the only White piece available to move is the rook. What if the rook where captured?

By not picking up the clues that White's rook is the only piece he can move, Black played **40…g5?**

Being so far behind in material, White is looking for any trick he can find. He comes up with the amazing **41.Rb2!** Black must capture White's rook with **41…Rxb2** stalemate or lose his rook and the game.

Here is an interesting endgame position from the 2002 Colorado Open.

Paul Nikitovich (2213)



James McCarty (2301)

Position after 48…Kg3? (from f4)

Material is even and Black has two dangerous passed pawns in the center of the board. White has an outside passed pawn on a6; but it is blockaded. Notice that there are opposite colored bishops. Endgames with opposite-colored bishops tend to be drawish because the player who is behind owns the squares on the color of his bishop and can often prevent the opponent's passed pawns from advancing to that colored square.

The king position is especially interesting: White's king in the corner and he must be aware of potential back rank mates and, although Black's king is on the attack, notice that he is trapped on g3. This is the important clue. When you notice that a king can't move, often a check results in mate.

Putting this important clue to work, White plays **49.Bd3!** The pawn can't capture the bishop with 49…exd3 because of 50.Rf3 mate. If Black tries to defend the pawn with 49…Re7?, White can just play 50.Bxe4 and the threat of Rf3 mate cannot be stopped.

The game continued, **49…Rc3 50.Bxe4 Re3 51.Rf3+ Draw agreed.**

The position after 51…Rxf3 52.gxf3 Kxh3 53.f4 Kg4 54.f5 is an obvious draw.

If Black had noticed the potential mate threat on f3, he could have played 48…Ke5 and would be able to advance his center pawns to victory.

Picking up clues around the king can be the most important clues of all!

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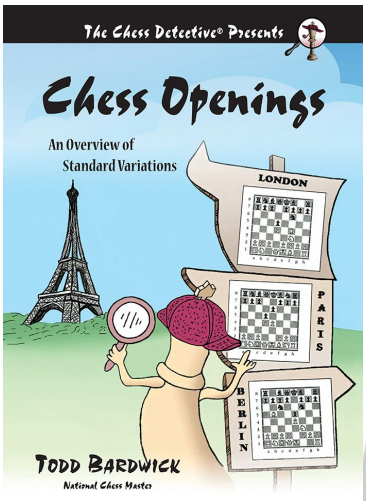

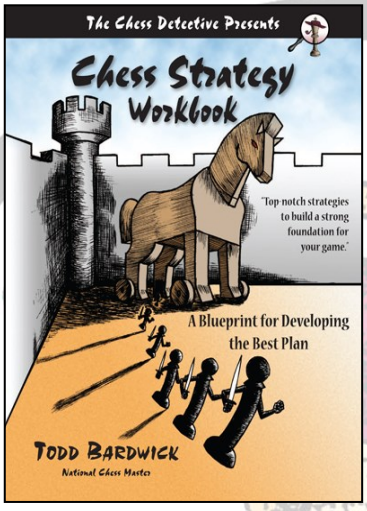
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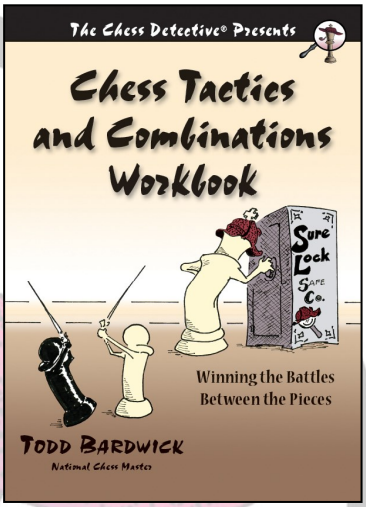
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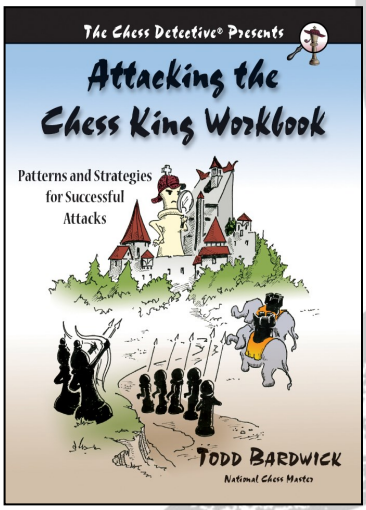
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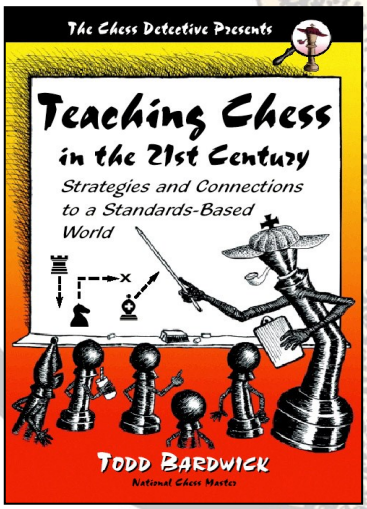
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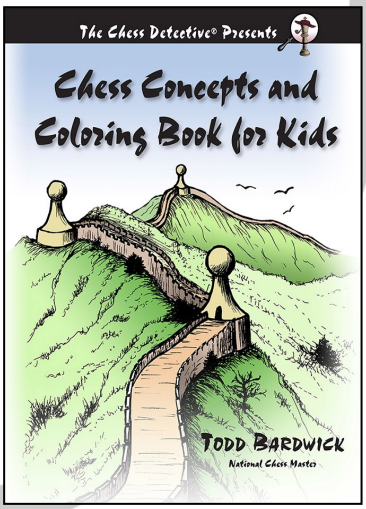

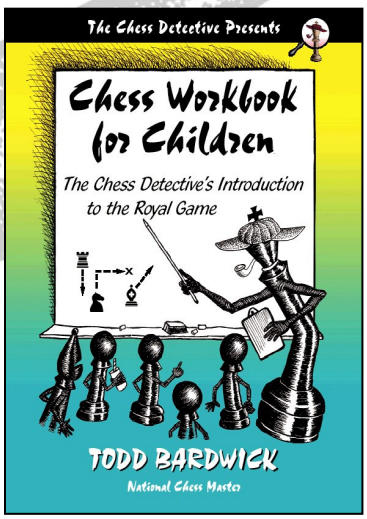
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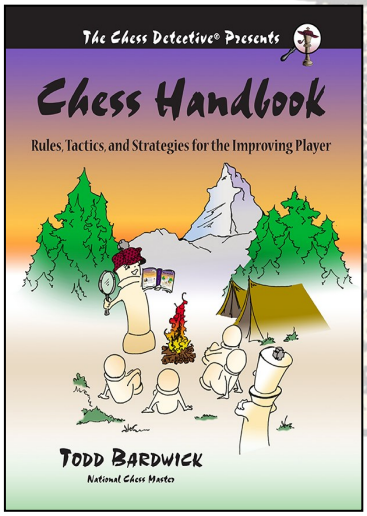

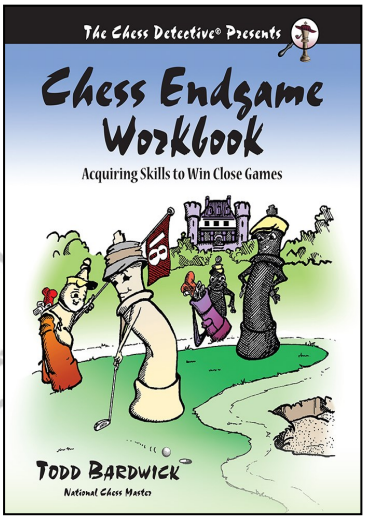

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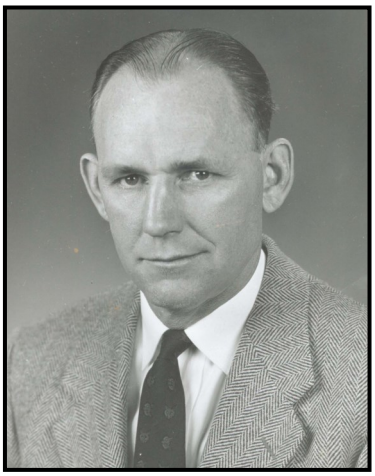

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UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

IHOP Quick Quads Mondays January 1 - 29, 2024 Colorado Springs
Colorado Springs Chess Club - Tuesdays Swiss G/90 January 2 - 30, 2024 Colorado Springs
Kings of Chess Tournament - January 6 Premier Open January 6, 2024 Aurora
Alleycat RAPID Saturday January 6, 2024 Fort Collins
Summit School of Chess OPEN DIVISION #5 January 13, 2024 Golden
Northern Colorado Chess Club: Saturday Swiss (every 2nd Saturday of the Month)Jan.13, 2024 Ft. Collins
DCC: Tribute to MLK 2024 January 13 - 14, 2024 Greenwood Village, CO
Summit School of Chess OPEN DIVISION #6 February 10, 2024 Golden
Kings of Chess Tournament - February 10 Premier Open February 10, 2024 Aurora
Kings of Chess Tournament - March 2 Premier Open March 2, 2024 Aurora
2024 Colorado Closed and Scholastic Closed Championship March 8 - 10, 2024 Aurora
Summit School of Chess OPEN DIVISION #7 March 16, 2024 Golden
Summit School of Chess OPEN DIVISION #8 April 20, 2024 Golden
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Summit School of Chess OPEN DIVISION #4 December 14, 2024 Golden

More info at: https://www.coloradochess.com/newtourn.shtml

Scholastic Tournaments

Kings of Chess Tournament - January 6, 2024 Aurora
Denver Scholastic Chess Series #5 January 13, 2024 Englewood
Summit School of Chess #5 January 13, 2024 Golden
2024 Colorado Scholastic Championship February 3 - 4, 2024 Aurora
Summit School of Chess #6 February 10, 2024 Golden
Kings of Chess Tournament -February 10, 2024 Aurora
Denver Scholastic Chess Series #6 February 17, 2024 Englewood
Kings of Chess Tournament -March 2, 2024 Aurora
Denver Scholastic Chess Series #7 March 9, 2024 Englewood
Summit School of Chess #7 March 16, 2024 Golden
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Summit School of Chess #8 April 20, 2024 Golden
Denver Scholastic Chess Series #9 April 27, 2024 Englewood
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COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

Aurora Chess Club: Meets every Saturday at the Aurora Public Library Central branch at10:30am. 14949 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80012. Contact info: Al Skarie 303-364-4903

Boulder Chess Club: Meets every Wednesday. Players of all skills welcome. We meet in the UMC building on the CU Boulder campus in colder months, and when it's warm we move to a beautiful area of Foothills Community Park. For detailed information about all of our event locations and times please join our Meetup group: https://www.meetup.com/boulderchess/

Carbondale Chess Club: Meets every Tuesday from 6:00pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main Street, Carbondale, 81623. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970) 704-0622 or email: Mkahhak@sopris.net.

Castle Rock Chess Club: Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, 80104. www.castlerockchessclub.org

Chess Knights: (Highlands Ranch) Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, 80129.
Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.
Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493
by email: FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

Chessmates Chess Club: (Fort Collins) 4825 South Lemay Avenue, 80525. Mondays & Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm for Advanced players, Tuesdays for Beginners from 5:15-6:15pm. Instructed by Zachary Bekkedahl. For more information contact Zachary Bekkedahl by email at info@chessmatesfc.com or go to www.chessmatesfc.com.

Colorado Springs Chess Club: Weekly on Tuesday
104 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs, CO at 6 pm. We meet in the Ballroom of the Acacia Apartment Building, which is just across the hall from the front door. Please knock if no one is at the door. USCF-rated games start at 7pm. For more info call or text Paul at 719-551-9833 or email cschess@juno.com.

Craig Chess Club: Call Rick or Mary Nelson, (970) 824-4780 to schedule play.

Denver Chess Club: Meets on Tuesdays, 6:00-10:00pm at the Third Christian Reformed Church, 2400 South Ash Street, Denver. (303) 733-8940. www.DenverChess.com.

Denver Chess / Meetup.com: This group is run through the social site *Meetup.com*, and our page is www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/. Players must join in order to receive information and sign up for events. Contact: David Costantino at avs1cup@yahoo.com or through the group's *Meetup.com* page.

Durango Chess Club: Meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm at Durango Joe's Coffee Shop, 732 East College Drive.

Fort Collins Chess Club: This is an online club and also a place to advertise face-to-face club meetings. We are having problems with a consistant site to play at. Until further notice go to https://lichess.org/team/fort-collins-co-chess-club to get weekly information on the next club meeting.

Fort Lewis College Chess Club: Meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. For more info, contact Andrea Browne at (970) 247-6239

Grand Junction Chess Club: Meets Mondays at 6:30pm in the Safeway at Starbucks, 2901 Patterson Road. Call Rick Lovato at (970) 243-1073

Grand Junction Junior Chess Club: Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building, 2853 North Avenue. Call Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

Greeley Chess Club: Meets Thursday's, 6:00-9:00pm at *Zoe's Cafe* located at 715 10th Street in Greeley. Club is informal and free of charge. Please show support of Zoe's by purchasing food and drinks - tips are donated to charity projects they support. Club is directed by Brad Lundstrom - he can be reached at (970) 415-3855 or at ChessCoach2014@gmail.com.

Lafayette Chess Club: Looking for new venue….

Longmont Chess Club: Meets Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00pm. Check www.LongmontChess.com for current meeting location. Email Todd Burge at Admin@LongmontChess.com or call (720) 220-5240.

North Jeffco Chess Club: Meets Thursdays from 7:00-10:00pm at the Grandview Tavern & Grill, 7427 Grandview Avenue in Arvada. Email James Therrien at james.therrien@swimlane.com for more information.

Northeast Denver Chess Club: Meets Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-8:00pm at 2575 Vine Street, Denver. Call (303) 320-6716 for more info.

Pagosa Springs Chess Club: Meets on Tuesdays (6:00-9:00pm) and on Saturday mornings (9:00-Noon) at Nello's Restaurant, 135 Country Center Drive, #A. For more information contact Anthony Steventon by email at asteveton@centurytel.net or at (970) 731-3029.

Parker Chess Club: Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Parker library in Parker, CO. All levels and ages welcome. Contact John Brezina at skibrezina@gmail.com
https://parkerchessclub.godaddysites.com/

Pueblo Chess Club: Mondays from 5pm to 8pm at the Williams Pavilion (Admin building near the fountain) in the City Park. For further info: John Shriver, 719-821-2402 or Liz Nickovich, 719-696-0497 Quarterly non-rated tournaments.

Rifle Chess Club: Please contact with any info….

Stonebridge Games Chess Club: (Longmont) Meets Tuesdays at 5:00pm. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call (303) 776-3796 for more info.

I am trying to update our chess club directory for Colorado. If you know of any clubs not listed or have updated info for any here, please contact me at skibrezina@gmail.com

DCC Tribute to MLK Tournament January 13-14, 2024

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